

that it is in. I would urge the Members to support my position on the motion.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMBEST). Pursuant to House Resolution 291, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. LEWIS].

The motion was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, for whatever reason, my vote on H.R. 2684, the Senior Citizens Right To Work Act, was not recorded. I strongly support the bill and I wanted my vote to be "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, on December 5, I was unable to be here due to illness and I missed rollcall votes numbered 834, 835, 836, and 837. Had I been here, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 834, "yes" on rollcall vote 835, "yes" on rollcall vote 836, and "yes" on rollcall vote 837.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. FAZIO of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this time for the purpose of yielding to the distinguished majority leader, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], to announce the schedule for the next week and the remainder of this season.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am more than happy to yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, this vote marks the end of the legislative business for the week. On Monday, December 11, the House will meet in pro forma session. There will be no legislative business that day.

On Tuesday, December 12, the House will meet at 10 o'clock a.m. and recess immediately to receive Prime Minister Peres of Israel in a joint meeting of the House and the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, the House will reconvene at 1 p.m. for morning hour and 2:30 p.m. for legislative business. We will first consider two bills on the Corrections Day Calendar: H.R. 1787, a bill to repeal the saccharin notice requirement; and H.R. 325, the commuter option bill.

After consideration of the correction of corrections day bills, we will take up

a number of bills under suspension of the rules. I will not read through the bills now, but a list will be distributed to Members' offices. We will then turn to H.R. 2621, legislation concerning disinvestment of Federal trust funds.

Members should be advised that we do not expect recorded votes until 5 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, December 12.

For Wednesday and the balance of the week, we expect to consider the following bills, all of which will be subject to rules: H.R. 2666, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996; the conference report for H.R. 1977, the Interior Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996; the conference report for H.R. 2546, the District of Columbia Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996; the conference report for S. 1026, the Department of Defense authorization bill; H.R. 1020, the Integrated Nuclear Spent Fuel Management Act; the conference report for S. 652, the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995; and, H.R. 1745, the Utah Public Lands Management Act of 1995.

Also, it is possible that legislation pertaining to the deployment of troops in Bosnia would be considered next week.

As Members know, the continuing resolution expires Friday, December 15. I am hopeful that progress will be made in ongoing budget negotiations that would result in legislation that will balance the budget in 7 years; permanently increase the public debt limit; and, fund those areas of government for which appropriations bills have not yet been approved.

However, given these unusual circumstances, it is impossible to inform Members with any accuracy when the House will adjourn next week.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I would yield to the gentleman further to inquire if it is possible to give the Members any more certainty when the Bosnia resolution would be considered. I know that every Member would want to be present for that debate and that vote.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would again yield, I thank the gentleman for his inquiry. Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I cannot be more precise. I know that that would not happen on Tuesday. It could not happen before Wednesday, I am sure, out of consideration for the Members. Other than that, I really cannot give the gentleman any more precise information.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday and Thursday are the most likely dates?

Mr. ARMEY. Most likely.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would respond further, I know that we have a need for a third CR. Everybody is aware of the fact that it seems we have six appropriation bills that have not yet made it to the President for signature or veto.

Mr. Speaker, could the gentleman give us some understanding as to when it will be possible to extend this CR to

a time when all of us could conclude it would be realistic, many assuming it might be sometime in mid-January?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I am more than happy to yield on that.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is aware that even today, after informing the press, the President's negotiations team is going to present to the budget negotiation meetings their recommendation for a 7-year balanced budget with OMB scoring. We would obviously want to give that all the consideration it is due.

Of course, seeing that the President is moving in the direction of a 7-year balanced budget, we remain hopeful and optimistic that during the course of this weekend and next week that we will come to a conclusion of these budget negotiations. At that time, of course, as we have racked up the work, we will address the question and the need for a continuing resolution to handle that discretionary spending for bills not yet approved by the President.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I realize that the general budget debate is going to continue for a while, and there are many, many issues in disagreement, but the fundamental need to keep the government functioning now is, I think, something that grows more important to more Members as we get closer to the holidays.

I have heard from both sides of the aisle, and on the other side of the Capitol as well, that there is no stomach for sending Federal employees on another unnecessary furlough around the holidays, when we are not going to be able to resolve the fundamental budget issue anyway.

Mr. Speaker, is there any hope that we could have at least a short-term extension of the CR to allow the Republican majority to catch up with the schedule on the appropriation bills?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's inquiry. Mr. Speaker, I would join my colleague from California in regretting the President's earlier decision to shut down the Government and unnecessarily furlough workers. I can only assure the gentleman from California we will present the President with an opportunity to maintain continuing operation of the Federal Government and to avoid that.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure the gentleman from California would join me in hoping that given that opportunity that the President will most certainly be presented with, that he would opt this time to not shut down the Government as he did last time.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, there is certainly no question, when we have not sent six of the appropriations bills to him by the December 7 date, well beyond the normal October 1 fiscal year date, it is kind of difficult to blame the President.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude by asking this: Many of us will be traveling back to our districts for the Christmas holidays. Given the complexity of airline reservations as we get close to the holidays, the difficulty in rescheduling, is there any way the gentleman could give the Members any kind of certainty as to what time we would be allowed, assuming we do not have a resolution of this budget impasse, to return to our districts, to our families, so that we would not once again be in the position of having canceled flights and an inability to get new accommodations for travel?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would again yield, I too share the gentleman's concern about the spending bills not yet completed, particularly Health and Human Services, the biggest discretionary spending bill of all, which is, as the gentleman knows, being held up by a Democrat minority filibuster in the other body. Perhaps we could get that broken out.

But frankly, Mr. Speaker, until we can get more serious discussions about the budget in the budget conference with the President and his team, it is very hard for me to predict what will be the outcome, having even yet to this point, today, recognizing of course that the press has been briefed, but I, as a member of that conference, have not yet seen a serious proposal from the White House. So, as we await that kind of work, we will continue to be hopeful that some of us may be home for Christmas.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I think at this point, having exhausted any potential questions and certainly not having received any answers, I would be more than happy to yield back my time.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, December 13, 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1995, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING HIS EXCELLENCY, SHIMON PERES, ACTING PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, for the Speaker to declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of Israel.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the consent of the House that the Dallas Cowboys be recognized as America's favorite football team.

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I object.

QUESTIONS REGARDING END-OF-SESSION SCHEDULE

(Mr. ABERCROMBIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, if the majority leader has not left the floor, I would certainly like to ask that he come back and answer a question that I had in the minute that has been given to me.

Mr. Speaker, if he will not, I would say, Mr. Speaker, that I am going to try and not use the word "bitter," but I certainly object to the cavalier fashion with which the majority leader just left the floor talking about the Dallas Cowboys, when there were serious questions asked and no answer was received with respect to what is going to happen with this ostensible Christmas holiday that is coming up.

Mr. Speaker, I want to know, not just for my convenience or inconvenience with respect to travel. I think the people of this country are entitled to know whether the majority of this House has come to a conclusion as to whether or not there is going to be a holiday; as to whether or not there is going to be a shutdown of the Government; and, whether they can give us a date as to whether we are going home.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think we need to end today's business of the legislative week with the majority leader cracking jokes about the Dallas Cowboys, as if there is no serious business being done on this floor.

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APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON S. 641, RYAN WHITE CARE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 641) to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, and for other purposes,

with House amendments thereto, insist on the House amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia? The Chair hears none, and without objection, appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BLILEY, BILIRAKIS, COBURN, WAXMAN, and STUDDS. There was no objection.

FEDERAL REPORTS ELIMINATION AND SUNSET ACT OF 1995

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 790) to provide for the modification or elimination of Federal reporting requirements, with Senate amendments to the House amendment thereto, and agree to the Senate amendments to the House amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments to the House amendment, as follows:

Senate amendments to House amendment: Page 3, of the House engrossed amendment, in the table of contents, strike out "Sec. 2021. Reports eliminated." and insert "Sec. 2021. Reports modified."

Page 18, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out lines 6 and 7.

Page 18, line 8, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out "(2)" and insert "(1)".

Page 18, line 9, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out "(3)" and insert "(2)".

Page 39, line 6, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out "reports" and insert "report".

Page 39, line 7, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out all after "936(b)" down to and including "Code," in line 8.

Page 43, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out line 19 and all that follows over to and including line 2 on page 45.

Page 49, line 21, of the House engrossed amendment, strike out "ELIMINATED" and insert "MODIFIED".

Mr. EHRlich (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendments to the House amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do not intend to object. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. EHRlich] for a brief explanation of the Senate amendment.

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me. In drafting this expansive and important piece of legislation it was discovered that four inadvertent drafting errors existed. Senator JOHN MCCAIN offered the amended version in the Senate yesterday and it passed with no objection. Both the House and Senate majority