

year 1996 Transportation Appropriation Act to clarify FAA personnel reforms, and the other simply amends the Auburn Indian Restoration Act to create discretionary authority for the Secretary of the Interior to accept lands into trust status on behalf of the tribe. These two items are technical in nature, and meet bipartisan consensus, and there is no objection to them.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me simply say that I am extremely disappointed that once again we are having to fund government on a stop-and-go basis, with yet, I believe, the 12th or 13th, maybe it is lucky 13, 13th CR or continuing resolution for this fiscal year.

I am extremely disappointed that more progress was not made this week in finishing action on the entire set of appropriation matters for the remainder of the fiscal year. What the situation is, is basically this: The Senate, in a constructive move, moved this process much closer to a possible White House signature by the changes that they made in the House appropriation bills when they were before the Senate, but as the White House has made quite clear, much as they welcome that movement in the Senate, they still require some additional movement in order to achieve a bipartisan compromise.

It is not just enough for the Members of the House to reach agreement with the Members of the Senate, or for Members of one party in the House to reach agreement with the Members of their party in the Senate. We also have to reach agreement between the leadership of the Congress and the leadership of the executive branch, which means the President of the United States. He has indicated he still is considerably concerned about remaining insufficiencies, especially in the area of education, worker training, and environmental protection.

So I think, Mr. Speaker, we will be focusing on those issues very firmly over the next 2 weeks. Meanwhile, the committee has again brought a short-term continuing resolution to the floor. This resolution is, regrettably, and in my view unnecessarily restrictive in terms of the funding levels that it provides for a number of areas, most especially including programs like chapter 1; and we know that we have some 40,000 school districts who are facing the prospect of having to lay off teachers if this is not resolved. That is why this must be resolved. But we are not quite there yet. I think we are moving a bit closer, but it is really going to require earnest negotiations over the next 2 weeks in order to put this matter to bed for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Let me simply say, Mr. Speaker, I know Members what to get out of here. I regret very much the fact that this resolution has such a restricted fund-

ing level, especially in the area of education, as I have said, but that is what we have before us. I would simply say that it is my determination to pursue every possible avenue of compromise over the next 2 weeks, so we can get the matter resolved. I thank the chairman of the committee for his assistance in dealing with issues on which we both agree and disagree.

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

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would just simply urge all our Members, Mr. Speaker, to keep the Government open, support this resolution, and have a happy Easter; and notice how I said that: Have a very happy Easter.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### WELCOME TO WASHINGTON'S NEWEST REPUBLICAN, WILLIAM HANNA BOGER IV

(Mr. CRAPO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome to Washington the Nation's newest Republican, William Hanna Boger IV. William was born Tuesday, March 26 at 8:24 a.m., was 20 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

His proud parents are my executive assistant, Dorothy S. Boger of Morrow, LA and her husband William, of Columbus, OH, partner at the law firm of Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer and Quinn and a former staffer of my good friend BOB LIVINGSTON.

Although he was immediately registered as a Republican for the 2014 elections his parents extend their thanks to their friends on both sides of the aisle for the many expressions of support they received over the last few days.

Congratulations, Dorothy, Bill, and little Billy.

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

Mr. CRAPO. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, would the child like some counseling about this registration, before he takes this very serious step?

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, I would tell the gentleman, I would offer that to his parents, but I will tell him, I think I am in a good position, and I

will provide that counseling, if he does not mind.

Mr. HOYER. Congratulations to the family.

#### PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE FROM FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1996, TO MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1996, AND ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1996, OR THEREAFTER, TO MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1996

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 157) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 157

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, March 29, 1996, it stand adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 1996, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Friday, March 29, 1996, Saturday, March 30, 1996, or Sunday, March 31, 1996, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader or his designee in accordance with this resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, April 15, 1996, or until such time on that day as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and Senate, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 397) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 397

*Resolved,* that the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Ways and Means: Mr. HAYES of Louisiana, to rank following Mr. PORTMAN of Ohio.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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