

2431 as reported by the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Ways and Means, a copy of which is now available for review at the Committee on International relations.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FILING DEADLINE FOR H.R. 3616, FISCAL YEAR 1999 DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I take this time for the purpose of making an additional announcement.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet early in the week of May 18 to grant a rule which may restrict amendments for consideration of H.R. 3616, the Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 1999.

Any Member contemplating an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and a brief explanation to the Committee on Rules in H-312 of the Capitol no later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 14.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of the reported version of the bill, a copy of which will become available during the day tomorrow at the Committee on National Security. The report will be filed early next week.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that the amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that amendments comply with the Rules of the House.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 11, 1998

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, May 11, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 1998 for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, May 12, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 for the purpose of receiving in this Chamber former Members of Congress.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in this Chamber former members of this Congress.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. GOSS. 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.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I take this time for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for the rest of the week and the schedule for the following week.

Let me just pose the question, are we waiting for one of the leaders to come out to the floor?

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, will the minority whip yield for a question?

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield to my friend from Texas.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I have been here for the purposes of hoping to hear in the schedule for next week that we were going to have campaign finance reform up, since that was sort of agreed to here when we had a discharge petition that was pulled down, and we had the indication that we were going to have this bill up. I had hoped to be over here to hear that colloquy be-

tween you and the majority. I guess they are not here.

Mr. BONIOR. I am still hoping that they will come. That was one of my main concerns on the schedule for next week.

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I have just been informed, obviously we did not have a rollcall, and the leaders have been off campus, and we will be publishing next week's schedule in the RECORD.

Mr. BONIOR. Does the gentleman from Florida know if campaign finance will be brought up next week?

Mr. FOLEY. That is all I know. That is all the information I have at this time.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I really have tried to be very reasonable about these discussions this year. I am a little concerned here. Forgive me for getting into this issue, but we have had so many miscommunications, delays, and, if you will pardon me, broken promises on this that I am disturbed by this.

There was a handshake by the President and the Speaker that we would have campaign finance reform. Nothing happened for a long period of time. Then, in March, we had this procedure that really locked out a lot of the issues that people wanted to talk about on this floor, especially the Meehan-Shays proposal and other very good proposals.

Then we had a discharge petition, and it looked like it was going to get discharged. There were some comments made that we are going to have a vote on this in May, and now we hear reports that we are not going to vote in May. We are going to vote after May when we come back from the May recess.

It is very, very disturbing, and I would like some answers. I would like to hear from the Republican leadership what is going on and why these broken promises continue, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BAESLER) and my other friend from Texas on this issue because it is something we need an answer on.

Mr. BAESLER. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, the leadership, the Speaker, made a commitment that we are going to vote on this issue in May. We are hearing rumors now that we are not going to vote in May and maybe vote after Memorial Day.

We also are hearing rumors that maybe Shays-Meehan may not be proper. That was also a commitment made by the Speaker and the leadership to encourage those Republicans and others to withdraw the names from the discharge petition.

It is our position, those of us who originated the petition, those of us who signed, if we do not have an answer on this within the next day or two, we are