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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 23, 1998.

Abercrombie	Gephardt	Nadler
Ackerman	Gordon	Neal
Allen	Green	Oberstar
Andrews	Gutierrez	Obey
Baesler	Hall (OH)	Olver
Baldacci	Hall (TX)	Ortiz
Barcia	Hamilton	Owens
Barr	Harman	Pallone
Barrett (WI)	Hastings (FL)	Pascrell
Becerra	Hefner	Pastor
Bentsen	Hilliard	Paul
Berman	Hinchey	Payne
Berry	Hinojosa	Pelosi
Bishop	Holden	Peterson (MN)
Blagojevich	Hooley	Pickett
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Pomeroy
Bonilla	Jackson (IL)	Poshard
Bonior	Jackson-Lee	Price (NC)
Borski	(TX)	Rahall
Boswell	Jefferson	Rangel
Boucher	Johnson (WI)	Reyes
Boyd	Johnson, E. B.	Rivers
Brady (PA)	Kanjorski	Roemer
Brady (TX)	Kaptur	Rothman
Brown (CA)	Kennedy (MA)	Roukema
Brown (FL)	Kennedy (RI)	Roybal-Allard
Brown (OH)	Kennelly	Rush
Campbell	Kildee	Sabo
Capps	Kilpatrick	Sanchez
Cardin	Kind (WI)	Sanders
Carson	Klecza	Sandlin
Chenoweth	Klink	Sanford
Clay	Kucinich	Sawyer
Clayton	LaFalce	Schumer
Clement	Lampson	Scott
Clyburn	Lantos	Serrano
Condit	Lee	Sherman
Conyers	Levin	Sisisky
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Skaggs
Coyne	Lipinski	Skelton
Cramer	Lofgren	Slaughter
Crapo	Lowey	Smith, Adam
Cummings	Luther	Snyder
Davis (FL)	Maloney (CT)	Spratt
Davis (IL)	Maloney (NY)	Stabenow
DeFazio	Manton	Stark
DeGette	Martinez	Stenholm
Delahunt	Mascara	Stokes
DeLauro	Matsui	Strickland
Deutsch	McCarthy (MO)	Stupak
Dicks	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Dingell	McDermott	Tauscher
Dixon	McGovern	Taylor (MS)
Doggett	McHale	Thompson
Dooley	McIntyre	Thurman
Doyle	McKinney	Tierney
Edwards	McNulty	Torres
Engel	Meehan	Towns
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Turner
Etheridge	Meeks (NY)	Velazquez
Evans	Menendez	Vento
Farr	Millender	Visclosky
Fattah	McDonald	Waters
Fazio	Miller (CA)	Watt (NC)
Filner	Minge	Waxman
Forbes	Mink	Wexler
Frank (MA)	Moakley	Weygand
Frost	Mollohan	Wise
Furse	Moran (VA)	Woolsey
Ganske	Morella	Wynn
Gejdenson	Murtha	

NOT VOTING—9

Ford	Klug	Rodriguez
Gonzalez	Linder	Yates
John	Markey	Young (FL)

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Mr. PAUL changed his vote from "present" to "nay."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE MICHAEL P. FORBES, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable MICHAEL P. FORBES, Member of Congress:

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Marietta, GA,

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule L.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. FORBES,
Member of Congress.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this time to inquire of the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) about next week's schedule.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded legislative business for this week. The House will next meet on Monday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour, and at 12 noon for legislative business. We do not expect any recorded votes before 5 p.m.

On Monday, July 27, we will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices this afternoon.

After suspensions, Mr. Speaker, the House will continue consideration of H.R. 2183, the Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997. We hope to, as we did last Monday, make extensive progress on the Shays-Meehan amendment in the nature of a substitute on Monday, and we also hope to return to campaign finance again at some point during the week.

On Tuesday, July 28, and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following legislation: H.R. 629, the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Conference Report. We will finish H.R. 4194, the Veterans Administration, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations; H.R. 4276, Commerce, Justice Appropriations Act; the Transportation Appropriations Act; H.J. Res. 120, a Vietnam Trade Resolution; and House Resolution 507, a Resolution Providing Special Investigative Authority for the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

□ 1515

Mr. Speaker, Members should be prepared to work late next week on these appropriation bills. If we can do that, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by 2 p.m. on Friday, July 31.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I wish to further ask of the gentleman, we have heard in some places that there might not be votes

until after 7 o'clock on Monday. Is there any truth to that?

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I believe if Members are not participating in the legislation, they should have a relatively high comfort level that there would be no votes on Monday prior to 7 p.m.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. I thank the gentleman very much. How late does the gentleman expect the last vote to be on Monday?

Mr. THOMAS. As we did last Monday night, we are hopeful, under the unanimous consent agreement on Shays-Meehan, that we could go as late as possible, to cover as many amendments as possible, so that the rest of the week would have enough time to move to a conclusion. It will be a decision made by the participants.

As the gentlewoman knows, they went very late last Monday. Our goal would be to go as late as we could, to cover as many of the amendments as we could, on Monday night, but it would be achieved under some mutual agreement.

Obviously, if they go extremely late, Members would expect that any votes that would be ordered would be rolled.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Is it still the intention of the leadership on the majority side to finish the Shays-Meehan bill by the August recess?

Mr. THOMAS. I would tell the gentlewoman that is why we are going to take a major chunk of time on Monday and, as I stated, reserve another piece of time, so that, in fact, the leadership's commitment that the Shays-Meehan amendment be concluded prior to the House's August break, that is our goal, that is our commitment, and we will meet it.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much.

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding to me. I wanted to use this opportunity to advise colleagues of a social event for this body that will occur next Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cannon Caucus Room. It is our more or less regular summer House picnic for both Members and spouses and children.

So I hope since we will be in the middle of some appropriations work on Tuesday, it will be a nice opportunity to get together on a bipartisan basis, get to know our colleagues and our families a little bit. Conveniently located over in the Cannon Caucus Room, very reasonably priced.

Members may contact either my office or the office of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD) or the Members and Family Room to make reservations.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I was asking about final passage on campaign finance reform, and the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS)

did mention Shays-Meehan. I realize he insinuated that that might be acted upon. What about final passage?

Mr. THOMAS. Well, if the gentleman will continue to yield, our commitment was to the Shays-Meehan, which had the most amendments attached to it. Obviously, once that is dispensed with, in terms of the amendments, that is the only amendment that we have under unanimous consent agreement. Our hope is that we will have reached a level of comity that we could move through the rest of those substitutes relatively quickly. But since we do not have a unanimous consent agreement on the amendments or the structure, it is extremely difficult to pin it down. But our goal is to complete it.

We now have a clear assignment on Shays-Meehan, and to the degree we can meet that next week, we will have a much better understanding of what we need to do to agree to finish it. Obviously, my personal commitment is to get it done before we leave in its entirety.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

CONSIDERING MEMBER AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1542

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor H.R. 1542, a bill originally introduced by Representative Bono of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

CONSIDERING MEMBER AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 2882

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2882, a bill originally introduced by Representative Bono of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 27, 1998

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. THOMAS. 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 California?

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on July 16 and July 17 last week I had to be in my Congressional District on official business and missed rollcall votes 288 through 296. Had I been present I would have voted in the following way:

Number 288, aye; number 289, no; number 290, aye; number 291, no; number 292, no; number 293, no; number 294, aye; number 295, aye; and number 296, no.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF NATIONAL BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON FUTURE OF MEDICARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of section 4021(c) of Public Law 105-33, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mrs. Colleen Conway-Welch, Tennessee.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT F. LANGFORD

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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to stand before my colleagues today to pay homage to a man who has benefitted us all. Mr. Robert Langford, the senior vice president of production operations of Owens' Country Sausage has retired after 35 years of service.

Robert, a graduate of both Texas A&M University and Southern Methodist University was hired by Jerry Owens in 1963. Mr. Owens recognized Robert's talents and quickly promoted him to manager of engineering. In 1972, he became the general manager and was continually advanced through the ranks until he reached his present position, the senior vice president of production operations. Due in large part to his work and innovations, Robert led the Owens Corporation to gain the number one market share position in the Southwest, which it still enjoys to this day.

These accomplishments are quite impressive, yet they are only one aspect of Robert F. Langford's life. Robert also worked extensively with the Southwest Meat Association. He was

the president of SMA from 1978 to 1980 and composed its bylaws and mission statement. But Robert was not content to merely serve the SMA. He wanted to serve his community as well. To realize this goal, Robert became one of the three founders of the Southwest Meat Association's Education Foundation as well as its chairman from 1982 to 1998. The Education Foundation provides scholarships to deserving students who display an interest and aptitude for a career in the meat industry. He believes education is a must.

Robert's commitment to promoting education in the community is shared by his wife Kathy, who dedicated 35 years of her life to teaching her young children. Kathy has zealously supported Robert every step of the way and she shares in all his numerous triumphs.

Robert F. Langford served his country in the United States Air Force as a fighter pilot for five years. He has served his community as the Chairman of the Fellowship of Deacons for Park Cities Baptist Church, and he has served us all by improving our quality of life through his work.

He has earned my admiration as a talented businessman and inventor. He has gained my respect as a dedicated family man and community leader. And he has won my friendship as a kindhearted and generous person.

I wish for Robert, his wife Kathy, and their children and grandchildren, all the blessings that are mine to give. From the bottom of my heart.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain further 1-minute requests.

TAX SURPLUS DOES NOT BELONG TO CONGRESS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats have known for a long time that a government that robs from Peter to pay Paul can always depend upon the support of Paul.

Our liberal colleagues want to rob the hard working taxpayers of America by taking their tax surplus and giving it to Washington bureaucrats.

Not so fast! That tax surplus does not belong to Congress, does not belong to the administration, and does not belong to the bureaucrats. Rather, it belongs to the taxpayers.

We must cut taxes so that families can take that much-needed vacation, spend some time with their kids, or even put some money aside for their education.

Now, recently, President Clinton labeled this idea of giving back the taxpayer some money the wrong course for America. Well, Mr. Speaker, the American people just are not going to accept the Democrats' liberal spin on this at this time.