

to be pleased with how things work out.

Mr. BONIOR. I just want to point out once again, then I will stop, to my friend from New York, that the budget was supposed to have been done in April. Here we are pushing on October, and we still do not have a budget. The question of working on Saturday to finish the business of this House and of this country with respect to a budget obviously could make some sense, but if we are going to try to play games here and come in on Saturday to do a Tax/Social Security, raid on the Social Security trust fund, or if we are going to try to bring up fast track on a Saturday, I want the gentleman from New York and the leadership and you, Mr. Speaker, and others to understand that that is not going to be acceptable on this side of the aisle, and I suspect there are many Members on your side of the aisle. All we are looking for is assurances of fairness here. Given the fact that we have had difficulty with the question of fairness in the last two weeks, we regret that, we hope this will not continue but we regret it with respect to the question of the President in terms of how that has been dealt with. We hope, and I strongly want to emphasize, that these two issues need not be a part of the workday on Saturday if in fact we are in.

Mr. SOLOMON. With all due respect to the gentleman, we all have to have an effort of cooperation. I look back to the years of Ronald Reagan. We sat down and we worked on this budget. We worked on it when Democrats were in control of the House and Republicans were in control of the Senate; then when the Democrats had control of both houses. We worked together. That is what we should be doing now and getting this budget together. Let us just be frank about it. Saturday Members had better be prepared to be here. However, if there is no compelling reason to keep us here, we will not be.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 22, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 1998.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON  
WEDNESDAY NEXT

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

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO  
OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING  
QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF  
THE HOUSE

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, most respectfully I thank you for recognizing me and permitting me to act expeditiously in a matter that I wish to bring to the attention of the House.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privilege of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows, and I shall try to be as expeditious as possible.

Impeaching Kenneth W. Starr, an independent counsel of the United States appointed pursuant to 28 United States Code section 593(b), of high crimes and misdemeanors.

Resolved that Kenneth W. Starr, an independent counsel of the United States of America, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the Senate:

Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of all the people of the United States of America, against Kenneth W. Starr, an independent counsel of the United States of America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Article I. In his conduct of the office of independent counsel, Kenneth W. Starr has violated his oath and his statutory and constitutional duties as an officer of the United States and has acted in ways that were calculated to and that did usurp the sole power of impeachment that the Constitution of the United States vests exclusively in the House of Representatives and that were calculated to and did obstruct and impede the House of Representatives in the proper exercise of its sole power of impeachment. The acts by which Independent Counsel Starr violated his duties and attempted to and did usurp the sole power of impeachment and impede its proper exercise include.

On September 9, 1998, Independent Counsel Kenneth W. Starr transmitted two copies of a "Referral to the United States House of Representatives pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, section 595(c)." As part of that Referral, Mr. Starr submitted a 445-page re-

port (the "Starr Report") that included an extended narration and analysis of evidence presented to a grand jury and of other material and that specified the grounds upon which Mr. Starr had concluded that a duly elected President of the United States should be impeached by the House of Representatives. By submitting the Starr report, Mr. Starr usurped the sole power of impeachment and impeded the House in the proper exercise of that power in various ways, including the following.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, may I make a parliamentary inquiry?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, if I may, this is a lengthy document, and unless the rules require all of it to be read into the RECORD, this Member has no great need to read it all, if that is permitted, and, if I would be permitted under leave, I would place it on the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. The form of a question of privilege should be read into the RECORD so all Members are notified.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. (a) In preparing the Starr Report, Mr. Starr misused the powers granted and violated the duties assigned independent counsel under the provisions of Title 28 of the United States Code. Section 595(c) does not authorize or require independent counsel to submit a report narrating and analyzing the evidence and identifying the specific grounds on which independent counsel believes the House of Representatives should impeach the President of the United States. By submitting the Starr Report in the form he did, Mr. Starr misused his powers and preempted the proper exercise of the sole power of impeachment that the Constitution assigned to the House of Representatives. Mr. Starr thereby committed a high crime and misdemeanor against the Constitution and the people of the United States of America.

(b) In his preparation and submission of the Starr Report, Mr. Starr further misused his powers and violated his duties as independent counsel and arrogated onto himself and effectively preempted and undermined the proper exercise of power of impeachment that the Constitution allocated exclusively to the House of Representatives. Mr. Starr knew or should have known, and he acted to assure, that the House of Representatives would promptly release to the public any report that he transmitted to the House of Representatives under the authority of Section 595(c). With that knowledge, Mr. Starr prepared and transmitted a needlessly pornographic report calculated to inflame public opinion and to preclude the House of Representatives from following the procedures and observing the precedents it had established for the conduct of a bipartisan inquiry to