

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY).

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman from Michigan for yielding, and I appreciate the opportunity to advise the Members.

As my colleagues know, of course this week was scheduled to proceed through tonight and through tomorrow. It is true that we have had our last vote of the day for today, and we will probably go into either special orders or recess as we continue to work with the conference committee on the supplemental. Members of both bodies are working together and working, I think, quite diligently. It is still our expectation that sometime this evening they will complete their work, we will be able to file that bill, process the rule in order to begin consideration early tomorrow morning and move on with the completion of the work by the originally scheduled departure time for a Friday departure.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, and I would just add to his comments that because of the necessity to deal with this bill, the tornado relief, the hurricane relief for those who have been waiting for 6 months as a result of Mitch as we have just heard in the last debate, our troops in the field, and, of course, the agricultural crisis that we have in the country, I hope that we can have this bill before the body and that it will be there without extraneous riders, particularly environmental riders and other riders that have been added in both bodies, and we can get this work done, and I hope we can do this expeditiously.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY).

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I would simply observe that the last vote that we just had was to instruct the conferees to reject any items that were not in either the House or the Senate bill. I find that interesting, but the fact is that the hang up in the conference is over items that were in the Senate bill or in the House bill, and I know of no progress that has been made through the remainder of this day so far on this bill. We are presently marking up appropriations for the coming fiscal year right now.

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We are supposed to be, as soon as we finish the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, we are supposed to be going into a Treasury Post Office markup, but I do not know of any progress that has been made in resolving the outstanding issues before us.

I guess, I think, there is at least a 50/50 chance Members will be kept here tomorrow only to discover that there will be nothing to vote on. So I guess what I would ask the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the distinguished majority leader, is if we are going to be held around here, why do we not sim-

ply bring a clean bill to the floor that takes the items that we know are agreed upon by everybody and pass legislation which is a truly clean bill, rather than waiting around here for a miracle to happen on a bill that has so many barnacles that it is not likely to sail any time soon?

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

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) for his remarks. I must say I thought the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) made the point so clearly well that, one, this is a very, very important piece of legislation on such a wide range of fronts. The Members of Congress have worked hard on it and have a lot of commitment to this proposition.

Obviously, it is no inconvenience for any of us to stay within the bounds of the regularly-scheduled work week, as we are, in fact, today, to complete our work. So as we continue this week through our normal time for closing the week, I am sure all the Members are very pleased to be able to look forward to completing this work.

The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) reminds me of the gratitude that all of the Members of this body might have for the workmanship of the House appropriators, as they did, indeed, provide through this body a clean supplemental bill, showing the kind of commitment to the express purposes of the bill and discipline in fulfilling that commitment that we are so proud of in the House. And, yes, indeed, even while this conference committee is doing its hard work, dealing in conference between the two bodies, the continued excellent, committed, disciplined work of our House appropriators goes on even as they mark up some of the first of the 13 appropriations bills.

So if the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) would allow me, I think the body might take a moment to give a round of applause and appreciation to our appropriators for their hard work and their commitment.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Florida, one of those appropriators who is doing this magnificent job that the majority leader referred to.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I have not had a chance to talk with the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) about this so this will be new, but we are going to reconvene the conference in about 15 minutes. We believe that we have worked out a resolution to settle the differences. We expect to have the paperwork done later this evening, early

enough to file tonight, and possibly have the Committee on Rules meet tonight, which would possibly give us the opportunity to have a vote on the floor tomorrow.

We have broken through some of the obstacles that were there, so we will reconvene in about 15 minutes; and, hopefully, we can get this good bill to the President.

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

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, let me simply ask the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) two questions.

First of all, would he be kind enough to tell us, if that is the case, what is the fate of the two markups now going on? We are both supposed to be attending both of those.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, yes, we are.

I would respond that we completed the legislative markup several days ago. We are almost through with the agriculture markup. We would go back to the ag markup probably at about 4:30 or 5:00 at the latest and complete that. We will postpone the markup of the Treasury Postal until the Chair calls for a new markup schedule because of the lateness of the ag bill now, because we do not want to mark up both of them at the same time.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, could I simply ask the gentleman, if there is a breakthrough which would enable the bill to pass, God help us given some of the provisions that are now in it, but if it does nonetheless pass, so be it, but could I also ask the gentleman to entertain the possibility of also, as a backup, preparing a stripped-down bill so that if this does not go anywhere that we, in fact, have something for Members to vote on tomorrow if they are going to be here, something which will not get jammed up in a filibuster in the Senate?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would simply say that if we do not have something to vote on tomorrow early enough tonight to get a rule, the leadership would be advised of that and advise the Members about tomorrow. That would be a leadership decision.

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE, 106TH CONGRESS

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 170) amending House Resolution 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, as amended, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 170

*Resolved,***SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 5.**

Section 2(f)(1) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, agreed to January 6, 1999, as amended, is amended by striking "May 14, 1999" and inserting "May 31, 1999".

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS ON H.R. 883, AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of May 17 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 883, the American Land Sovereignty Protection Act.

The rule may, at the request of the Committee on Resources, include a provision requiring amendments to be preprinted in the amendment section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Amendments to be preprinted should be signed by the Member and submitted to the Speaker's table. Amendments should be drafted in the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Resources. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to make sure their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER ON TOMORROW MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 1141, 1999 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 7(c) of rule XXII, I hereby notify the House of my intention tomorrow to offer the following motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 1141, the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. DEUTSCH moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 1141 be instructed to disagree to any provision not contained in, or directly related to, the following: (1) H.R. 1141, as passed by the House; (2) H.R. 1664, as passed by the House.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1342

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN) as a cosponsor of H.R. 1342.

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

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HERGER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO JADONAL FORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) and I participated in a discussion relative to fraternity and sorority hazing and their overall value to society, especially in the African community. I think we both agreed that physical violence, mental abuse and degradation have no place in a civilized world and certainly should not be used as part of an intake process for new members of any organization or group.

However, in my estimate, fraternities and sororities continue to play valuable roles and have contributed greatly to improving the quality of life for African Americans in particular and for society as a whole.

In my own fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, I think of the contributions of individuals like Dr. W.E.B. Dubois, Dr. John Hope Franklin, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Dr. Charles Wesley, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes and countless others whose contributions are legendary.

I also think of the contributions of brothers that we seldom hear of, like a member of my local chapter, Mu Mu Lambda, brother Jadonal E. Ford, who recently passed away. Jadonal E. Ford, or Jay as we called him, was born in Lakeview, South Carolina, in 1935. He graduated from Columbus High School in Lakeview in 1952, earned a Bachelors degree from Virginia State University in 1956, served in the United States Army until 1959 and received his Master's degree in social work at Boston University in 1961.

Mr. Ford began his professional career as a psychiatric social worker at Cleveland State Hospital in Cleveland,

Ohio, prior to moving to Chicago in 1963 to become program administrator at the Chicago Youth Centers. From 1963 until 1971, he served as program director at United Cerebral Palsy in greater Chicago and from 1971 until 1973 as administrator at comprehensive care centers in Chicago.

In 1973, Jay Ford began work at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and remained there until his death. He began in the Foster Care Department and by 1993 was appointed Senior Associate Division Manager for Nonresidential Services for children and youth.

Jay Ford was an outstanding professional in his chosen field of work, but it was in his volunteer activities, especially through the Mu Mu Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, that he truly excelled. He was instrumental in designing, orchestrating and implementing several programs for African American youth, especially males, on the local, State and national levels.

Warren G. Smith, a fraternity brother and friend of Jay's, made this observation. Jay was a take-charge, get-the-job-done, very responsive fraternity brother. He made things happen and created an environment where everyone could succeed. He mentored hundreds of fraternity brothers and high school students. He was indeed a role model and someone everyone wanted to emulate.

For 10 years, Warren continued, Jay chaired the Beautillion, a scholarship fund-raiser for high school students who are college bound. Each year, this event has raised approximately \$150,000 and presented to society 20 young men ready for college as well as presenting scholarships to these students and others.

Jay was a member of Catholic Charities USA, the National Association of Social Workers, the National Association of Black Social Workers, the National Black Child Development Institute, the Academy of Certified Social Workers, the Childcare Association of Illinois and the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

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He was a co-founder, charter member, and former president of Virginia State University's Chicago Area Alumni Organization.

Other organizations include the Henry Booth House Board of Directors, the Black Infant Task Force, the Chicago Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, State of Illinois Foster Care, the Adoption Task Force, the Adoption Advisory Council, the Child Care Association, the African American Round Table, the Association of Directors, the Minority Recruitment Committee, and the Dean's Search Committee, both at Loyola School of Social Work.

Mr. Ford was a member of the Congregational Church of Park Manor, and served as chairman of its Board of