

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to inquire about next week's schedule.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) for an explanation of the schedule for next week.

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Mr. ARMEY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded legislative business for the week. The House will not be in session on Friday, May 21.

The House will next meet on Monday, May 24, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. We will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to all Members' offices. Members should note that we expect votes after 6 o'clock p.m. on Monday, May 24.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week, the House will take up:

H.R. 1259, the Social Security and Medicare Safety Deposit Box Act of 1999;

H.R. 1833, the United States Trade Representative and Customs Service Reauthorization Act;

H.R. 150, the Education Land Grant Act;

The Agriculture Appropriations Act;

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act; and

H.R. 1401, the Defense Authorization Act.

On Tuesday, May 25, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning hour and at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Wednesday, May 26, and Thursday, May 27, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

Madam Speaker, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 27.

I would like to remind Members that the Memorial Day District Work Period begins following the close of legislative business on Thursday, May 27. And the House will return on Monday, June 7, with votes after 6 p.m.

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the majority leader for the schedule. If I might just ask one or two questions about the schedule for next week.

Does my colleague know what days the Social Security Lock Box bill and the appropriations bills will be called up?

Mr. ARMEY. Madam Speaker, if the gentlewoman would continue to yield, I thank the gentlewoman for asking.

On Tuesday, we expect to do the Lock Box and the Agriculture Appropria-

tions bill. It is our expectation that on Wednesday we will be able to do Legislative Branch Appropriations, the Education Land Grant, and USTR-Customs. On Thursday, we would begin work on DOD authorization.

If the gentlewoman would continue to yield, I should encourage Members to anticipate that we may be working later into the evenings on these evenings next week. As our past experience tells us, when we enter appropriations season and we begin to consider these bills under the 5-minute rule, they may oftentimes take longer days than other legislative business under more time-constrained rules.

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, the majority leader anticipated my question in wanting to know if there were going to be any late nights next week. So we should anticipate late nights next week.

And a final question: I do not see on the agenda listed out for next week anything about campaign finance reform on the schedule. Does the gentleman from Texas know when we might be able to expect any action on that issue?

Mr. ARMEY. Madam Speaker, again, I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry. And if the gentlewoman would continue to yield, we have had several discussions with different Members that have interest in this matter.

As the gentlewoman knows, we are going into the appropriations season. The appropriations season is very important in terms of its early conclusion in order to get into the final end-of-the-year appropriations conference reports.

It is our anticipation that, while we expect this important issue to be addressed before the year is over, that we would like to get this appropriations work behind us so that we would have time to address that during which period they are in their conference committees. So I would guess that she should have an anticipation that it would be sometime later in the year.

Ms. DELAURO. Sometime later in the year.

Mr. ARMEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House join me in wishing my son, Scott, happy birthday tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, occupational therapy is a health and rehabilitation profession that helps people regain development and build skills that are important for independent functioning, health, well-being, and happiness. Occupational therapy employs purposeful occupational tasks, the kind of thing that we do in our ev-

eryday life, to return individuals with disability to function.

The American Occupational Therapy Association has a motto that expresses it so very well. "Occupational Therapy: Skills for the Job of Living."

In Texas and across the Nation, we recently recognized contributions of this important profession with an official designation of Occupational Therapy Month. Our therapists help those whose lives are dramatically impacted by injury or stroke. They help people return to work and resume their place in the community. They work in the aid and development of children. They assist parents in developing and improving the skills necessary to participate in school, work, play, or leisure activities.

My wife, Libby, has had an opportunity to see firsthand the incredible work that our occupational therapists perform to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. I join in recognizing the significant benefits of occupational therapy for Americans from childhood to old age and salute the efforts of our occupational therapists across the country.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Madam 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BORDER PATROL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT OF 1999

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise with my colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SILVESTRE REYES), to stand up for the men and women who guard our Nation's borders and risk their lives every day.

Today, with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. REYES), I will introduce the Border Patrol Recruitment and Retention Act of 1999. The legislation will