

bill. Recently, President Bush told our Nation that our citizens should take their families on a vacation to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. I have the happy privilege of representing Orlando.

Since we have a tourism-based economy, my district has been uniquely hurt by the tragic acts of September 11. Specifically, because so many people have been afraid to fly, theme park workers, convention workers, hotel workers, and cab drivers have lost their jobs.

It is critical to the people of Orlando that we pass this anti-terrorism bill to give our citizens a sense of confidence and security that our skies and country are going to be safer. This anti-terrorism bill which passed the Committee on the Judiciary unanimously deserves our support. It is a powerful piece of crime-fighting legislation. It gives FBI additional tools to go after terrorists. It creates criminal penalties for people who harbor terrorists, and at the same time it respects the civil liberties of our citizens.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the PATRIOT anti-terrorism bill.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 11 a.m.

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#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2975, PROVIDE APPROPRIATE TOOLS REQUIRED TO INTERCEPT AND OBSTRUCT TERRORISM (PATRIOT) ACT OF 2001

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-238) on the resolution (H. Res. 264) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2975) to combat terrorism, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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#### WAIVING REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(a) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 263 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 263

*Resolved*, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to con-

sider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of Friday, October 12, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 2975) to combat terrorism, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 263 waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII, which requires a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules.

This waiver will be applied to a special rule reported on the legislative day of Friday October 12, 2001, providing for the consideration or disposition of the bill, H.R. 2975, to combat terrorism and for other purposes.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this rule which will enable the House of Representatives to debate and consider the President's antiterrorism package later today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules met at 8 o'clock this morning to begin taking testimony on the antiterrorism legislation. While the Committee on the Judiciary had reported a truly bipartisan bill by a vote of 36-0, which is somewhat miraculous, 2 weeks ago, we were not informed until 7 o'clock this morning that we would be taking testimony on a new bill, the content of which the Committee on Rules had not seen nor apparently had the members of the Committee on the Judiciary.

We now have under consideration a rule which waives the two-thirds same day consideration requirement because, during the night, a bipartisan bill was turned into a bill which most Democratic members of the Committee on the Judiciary cannot support. We are considering this waiver of the two-thirds consideration rule because so many Members understand the grave and long-lasting ramifications of this legislation. This legislation is so far reaching that they felt it necessary to come to the Committee on Rules earlier this morning to offer amendments to the new bill or to simply sit and try to get an explanation of what is actually contained in it.

Democratic Members of the Committee on Rules will not oppose this rule, but we will oppose the rule reported a few minutes ago to provide for the consideration of the new bill. We will oppose that rule because of the process and because we strongly believe it is important to maintain bipartisan cooperation in matters such as

this. While we believe the President should have the tools he needs to fight this war against terrorism, we cannot give up the role of Congress in doing so.

The majority has usurped a committee's jurisdiction and has therefore set back the hard-won bipartisan efforts of a committee not known for working in such a collegial and bipartisan manner. Both Chairman SENSENBRENNER and Ranking Member CONYERS presented to the House a fair and balanced package designed to give the administration what it needs to ferret out the terrorists among us, and they are to be commended. But to undo their work is unfair and unbalanced.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA).

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the gentleman from Georgia a few questions here. I have not seen a copy of the bill, and nobody on this side has been able to explain to me what is in the bill. I know in an hour that it would be very difficult to explain the intricacies of a terrorism bill which would last for some period of time.

Could you tell me the difference between the bill that the Committee on the Judiciary reported out and this particular bill that we are talking about here?

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

Mr. MURTHA. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, both the Senate and the House took up, at the beginning, a base bill proposed by the administration. Both the Senate and the House added provisions to the bill. In the compromise last night with the Senate, both took the most egregious provisions out. The ones that concerned me the most were the Senate bill at one point had reversed the McDade law. That has been taken back out. The Senate provisions had reversed our efforts of several years by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) to change the forfeiture laws. That has been removed. So we have pretty much the beginnings of the House bill here stripped down from the additions. I have not read them. I have asked for explanations. That is the best I can do.

Mr. MURTHA. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. LINDER. Also, the Senate had no provision for sunset or review. The House provisions had a 2-year plus 3-year, so about a 5-year provision for sunset.

Mr. MURTHA. Could I ask the gentleman, and he may not be able to answer this question, but could we not have gone to conference since the other bill was reported out unanimously? I just wonder, is there some reason that