

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 248 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR FILING OF AMENDMENTS ON H.R. 2115, FLIGHT 100—CENTURY OF AVIATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of June 9 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 2115, Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered the bill reported on May 21, 2003, and is expected to file its report with the House tomorrow, June 6, 2003.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10th.

Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure which will be available tomorrow for their review on the websites of both the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR FILING OF AMENDMENTS ON H.R. 1115, CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of June 9 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1115, the Class Action Fairness Act of 2003. The Committee on the Judiciary ordered the bill reported May 21, 2003, and is expected to file its report in the House on June 9, 2003.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11.

Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill, as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary which will be available early next week for their review on the websites of both the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the

most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, and I am glad to see him on the floor, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the leader, for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for next week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Monday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to the Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on those measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we expect to consider additional bills under suspension of the rules. We also plan to consider several bills under a rule: H.R. 2115, the Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration; H.R. 1115, the Class Action Fairness Act; and H.R. 2143, the Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act.

In addition to these bills, we may also consider H.R. 1528, the Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act.

And, finally, I would like to note for all Members that we are making a change in the schedule that was sent to offices at the beginning of the year. We do not plan to have votes next Friday, June 13.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for his informing us of the schedule that is contemplated for next week.

Mr. Leader, I do not see Child Tax Credit legislation listed on next week's schedule. I did not hear you talk about that.

We have a bill, as I think you probably know, the Rangel/DeLauro/Davis bill, that will make sure working families and our service members left out of the recently enacted tax bill get the child tax credit they should have. We have sought unanimous consent to bring this bill up, but we have been denied and not successful. There is apparently agreement in the Senate, as we understand it, to take this matter up perhaps today.

When do you expect that we might be able to consider child tax credit legislation on the floor, Mr. Leader?

Mr. DELAY. The gentleman knows that we think we have already done child tax credit in a very meaningful way. Whatever the Senate does, certainly we will take it under consideration, but our schedule and our agenda

that has been announced from the first of the year is that we will have several tax relief bills. Of those bills, maybe this provision that the gentleman is talking about could be included. I do not know, but the Committee on Ways and Means would certainly take it under advisement.

We have scheduled certainly an international tax bill for this summer. We have already announced that we would like to see the total repeal of death tax made permanent. There will probably be another tax relief bill, so there is plenty of opportunity for the gentleman to talk about that provision that the Senate may have left out of the bill signed by the President a week ago.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. He and I may disagree as to the fact that the Senate left it out. It was left out. We agree on that. The Senate, of course, had it in its bill. We did not.

Am I correct then that there are no plans next week to have on the floor of the House as far as you know a child tax credit bill?

Mr. DELAY. I cannot say no plans. As the gentleman knows, in this business you never say never.

I am under the impression that the other body has some sort of package that they have put together. If they pass that package today or tomorrow, the Committee on Ways and Means can certainly take it under advisement and make recommendations to the leadership, and that may happen next week. I just cannot tell the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his observation. I take it then that if the Senate does not pass something over here, that we would have no thought that that would be on the schedule for next week?

Mr. DELAY. If the minority on the Committee on Ways and Means wants to participate in the process, certainly in those tax provisions that are being worked on as we speak by the Committee on Ways and Means, they could certainly participate in that process, try to get their provision in, gather the votes to pass it, and bring it out here, and hopefully they would support a tax relief bill.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, without taking this further, than perhaps we need to go in a colloquy of this type on the schedule, Mr. Leader. In a serious vein, the minority on the Committee on Ways and Means would love to participate in the process. I would tell the leader, with all due respect and very sincerely, the minority in the Committee on Ways and Means does not believe it is included in the process; and that is of concern to us.

If perhaps you could talk with the chairman, with your persuasive powers, perhaps, in fact, we could participate in the process and perhaps we would be able to offer such an amendment; and, clearly, if that would happen, we would offer such an amendment, I assure the leader. So if he could help us with the chairman of the