

Hart	McCrery	Rohrabacher
Hastings (WA)	McHugh	Ros-Lehtinen
Hayes	McInnis	Royce
Hayworth	McKeon	Ruppersberger
Hefley	McNulty	Ryan (WI)
Hensarling	Mica	Ryun (KS)
Herger	Miller (FL)	Saxton
Hobson	Miller (MI)	Schrock
Hoekstra	Miller, Gary	Sensenbrenner
Holden	Mollohan	Shadegg
Hostettler	Moran (KS)	Shaw
Houghton	Murphy	Shays
Hulshof	Murtha	Sherwood
Hunter	Musgrave	Shimkus
Hyde	Myrick	Shuster
Isakson	Nethercutt	Simmons
Issa	Neugebauer	Simpson
Istook	Ney	Smith (MI)
Janklow	Northup	Smith (NJ)
Jenkins	Norwood	Smith (TX)
John	Nunes	Souder
Johnson (CT)	Nussle	Stearns
Johnson (IL)	Osborne	Sullivan
Johnson, Sam	Ose	Sweeney
Jones (NC)	Otter	Tancredo
Keller	Oxley	Tauzin
Kelly	Pearce	Taylor (NC)
Kennedy (MN)	Pence	Terry
King (IA)	Peterson (MN)	Thomas
King (NY)	Peterson (PA)	Thornberry
Kingston	Petri	Tiahrt
Kirk	Pickering	Tiberi
Kline	Pitts	Toomey
Knollenberg	Platts	Turner (OH)
Kolbe	Pombo	Upton
LaHood	Porter	Vitter
Lantos	Portman	Walden (OR)
Latham	Pryce (OH)	Walsh
LaTourette	Putnam	Wamp
Leach	Quinn	Weldon (FL)
Lewis (CA)	Radanovich	Weldon (PA)
Lewis (KY)	Ramstad	Weller
Linder	Regula	Whitfield
LoBiondo	Rehberg	Wicker
Lucas (KY)	Renzi	Wilson (NM)
Lucas (OK)	Reynolds	Wilson (SC)
Manzullo	Rogers (AL)	Wolf
Marshall	Rogers (KY)	Young (FL)
McCotter	Rogers (MI)	

NOT VOTING—10

Brown-Waite,	Gephardt	Smith (WA)
Ginny	Lynch	Wynn
Conyers	Rangel	Young (AK)
Cubin	Sessions	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (during the vote). Members are reminded that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1059

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

□ 1100

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS) having assumed the chair, Mrs. BIGGERT, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2417) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intel-

ligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, pursuant to House Resolution 295, she reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute adopted by the Committee of the Whole? If not, the question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

(By unanimous consent, Mrs. HARMAN was allowed to speak out of order.)

THANKING MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, now that we have completed debate on our intelligence authorization bill for 2004, I just wanted to thank our chairman who is graceful, collaborative and bipartisan and the members and staff on the majority side and to thank the strong team we have on the Democratic side and especially our staff. By name: Christine Healey, John Keefe, Marcel Lettre, Wyndee Parker, Beth Larson, Kirk McConnell, Bob Emmett and Ilene Romack; and also David Flanders of my personal staff for all the effort they put into yesterday's very thorough and, I thought, outstanding debate.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. GOSS was allowed to speak out of order.)

THANKING MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to congratulate my ranking member and the members of the staff on both sides of the aisle. Normally I would name all those staff. This year I am just going to point to one individual who really was the architect of the bill for the majority, put it together, did the hard work as he always does. He does the budget number and he understands the programs. His name is Mike Meermans. In addition to the spectacular work he did for us in a bipartisan and a thoroughly professional way, Mr. Meermans and his family had a sudden and significant illness in the family. We wish his family well and we wish his son Godspeed, full and complete recovery.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2417.

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

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 297 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 297

Resolved, That during the remainder of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, the Speaker may entertain motions that the House suspend the rules on Wednesdays as though under clause 1 of rule XV.

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

Mr. LINDER. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), 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.

Madam Speaker, H. Res. 297 is a simple, straightforward measure that authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on Wednesdays for the remainder of the 108th Congress. I strongly supported this proposal and urge all of my colleagues in the House to join with me in approving this measure.

This past Monday, the Rules Subcommittee on Technology and the House, which I chair, held a hearing to consider this very proposal. The chairman of the Committee on Rules testified on this proposal, and the subcommittee gathered testimony from the minority whip, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK) as well.

During the debate on H. Res. 297, I urge my colleagues to keep their remarks to the underlying measure, rather than use this modest proposal as an excuse to debate other matters. Extending the Speaker's ability to entertain motions to suspend the rules on Wednesdays provides the House leadership with another tool that can be used to easily move noncontroversial legislation through the Chamber.

By way of background, when the House convened on January 7, 2003, we adopted H. Res. 5, the House rules for the 108th Congress. Specifically, clause 1 of rule XV provides that it is in order for the House to entertain a motion to suspend the rules on Mondays, Tuesdays, and in the last 6 days of session