

Schiff	Stearns	Velázquez
Schrock	Stenholm	Visclosky
Scott (GA)	Strickland	Vitter
Scott (VA)	Stupak	Walden (OR)
Sensenbrenner	Sullivan	Walsh
Serrano	Sweeney	Wamp
Sessions	Tancredo	Waters
Shadegg	Tanner	Watson
Shaw	Tauscher	Watt
Shays	Taylor (MS)	Waxman
Sherman	Taylor (NC)	Weiner
Sherwood	Terry	Weldon (FL)
Shimkus	Thomas	Weldon (PA)
Shuster	Thompson (CA)	Weller
Simmons	Thompson (MS)	Wexler
Simpson	Thornberry	Whitfield
Skelton	Tiahrt	Wilson (NM)
Slaughter	Tiberi	Wilson (SC)
Smith (MI)	Tierney	Wolf
Smith (NJ)	Toomey	Woolsey
Smith (TX)	Towns	Wu
Smith (WA)	Turner (OH)	Wynn
Snyder	Turner (TX)	Young (AK)
Solis	Udall (NM)	Young (FL)
Spratt	Upton	
Stark	Van Hollen	

Rollcall vote No. 55, on passage of H.R. 3717—"yes";
 Rollcall vote No. 56, on passage of H. Con. Res. 15—"yes"; and
 Rollcall vote No. 57, on passage of H. Res. 540—"yes."

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to address the House for the purposes of inquiring of the acting majority leader the schedule for the coming week; and I would be glad to yield to my good friend, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), who chairs the leadership committee, or I am not sure of his exact title, but he is my friend and an able Member of this body, and I am glad to yield to him.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Maryland for yielding to me, and I would be happy to talk about the schedule for next week.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning business, 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those will also be sent to Members' offices by the end of this week. Any votes called on those suspensions will be rolled until 6:30 p.m., as has been our custom.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Mr. Speaker, the House will convene at 10 a.m. We still hope to consider the budget resolution for fiscal year 2005, although that is being worked out.

In addition, as we all know, next week is the anniversary of the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, as well as the anniversary of Saddam Hussein's chemical weapons attacks against the Kurds. So on Wednesday, the House will consider a resolution remembering these historical events and commemorating the allied forces, including our troops, for the liberation of Iraq.

Finally, I would like to remind all Members that we do not plan to have votes next Friday, March 19.

I thank my friend from Maryland very much for yielding to me, and I would be happy to answer any questions, or try to answer any questions, he might have.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the information he has provided us.

This is the first time at least that I have heard of the consideration of the Iraqi resolution next week. I understand the timing of that and the date on which that effort began. Because I have just heard about this and have not had an opportunity to talk to our ranking members on either the foreign affairs committee or on the defense committee, can the gentleman inform me as to whether or not this resolution has been put together in a bipartisan way, with participation by the minority? The reason I ask the gentleman that is I think all of us want to ensure that we are united on it.

I have not seen the statement so I do not know what it is, but clearly we are, I think, all proud of the actions of our Armed Forces; and they carried out their mission in an extraordinarily effective, efficient, and courageous manner. We are all proud of our men and women in uniform for what they have done. We are all pleased, as well, that Saddam Hussein has been captured and is in custody and no longer at least poses a personal threat; but I am sure my friend from Ohio agrees that hopefully this statement will be one which is reached in a bipartisan way and we can have overwhelmingly bipartisan support of.

I certainly, as one who supported, as my colleague knows, the effort in Iraq and supported the funding for that effort, want to be able to support it. I have not seen it, but I am hopeful that we do this in a bipartisan way.

I would be glad to yield to my friend to comment on this issue.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding, and I have not seen the resolution either. It has not been introduced yet. My understanding is that the gentleman from Illinois (Chairman HYDE) has taken the lead on that and the Committee on International Relations, and he will be consulting with the gentleman from California (Ranking Member LANTOS), and I am sure he would appreciate any input that Members have on both sides. It would be good if we could as a House support this resolution on a bipartisan basis because it will be, as my colleague said, important to be able to show that support for our troops who are currently in Iraq performing for us and for the American people.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information; and I understand he is a little bit in the same position I am, having just learned of this in the last few minutes. I am pleased to hear that the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) will be communicating with and working with the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS). Again, while there are, obviously, as we all know, disagreements on the prosecution of that effort, whether we should have undertaken it, there is no, I think, dispute on the underlying support of our troops, their effort, their safety, and their objectives. Hopefully, that is what we will articulate.

I thank the gentleman for his information, and I will surely be talking to the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), as I know our leader will, to try to make sure that we are all together on this statement, which I think will be good for our troops and good for the world to see as well. I thank the gentleman.

We had expected to see the budget resolution on the floor next week. Then, frankly, we had heard in the last few hours, or few minutes, that that was not going to be the case, that the markup had been called off or cancelled, rescheduled by the gentleman

NOT VOTING—22

Bell	Istook	Pelosi
Berkley	John	Rodriguez
Camp	King (NY)	Souder
Cardoza	Lewis (CA)	Tauzin
Davis (IL)	Marshall	Udall (CO)
DeFazio	Miller (FL)	Wicker
Fossella	Norwood	
Gibbons	Nunes	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, due to personal business, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall votes 55 and 56 on March 11, 2004. Had I been present for rollcall 55 on H.R. 3717, the "Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004," I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for rollcall 56, H. Con. Res. 15, "Commending India on its celebration of Republic Day," I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason for my absence on March 10 and 11, 2004. Last week, former Governor of Nevada Mike O'Callaghan passed away and I had to leave Washington this Wednesday afternoon, March 10, to attend funeral services for Governor O'Callaghan.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted:

- Rollcall vote No. 48, on agreeing to the Scott (VA) amendment—"no";
- Rollcall vote No. 49, on agreeing to the Watt amendment—"no";
- Rollcall vote No. 50, on agreeing to the Andrews amendment—"no";
- Rollcall vote No. 51, on agreeing to the Ackerman amendment—"no";
- Rollcall vote No. 52, on agreeing to the Jackson-Lee amendment—"no";
- Rollcall vote No. 53, on agreeing to the Watt amendment—"no";
- Rollcall vote No. 54, on agreeing to the Resolution, H.R. 339—"yes";