The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 2, not voting 57, as follows:

[Roll No. 93]

YEAS—374


PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 3550, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight, Monday, March 29, 2004, to file a report to accompany the bill, H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following resignation from the Committee on International Relations: MARCH 22, 2004.

Hon. DENNIS HASTERT.

Speaker, House of Representatives, H-232 The Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker: It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as a member of the Committee on International Relations. I am proud of our achievements on the committee and will continue to be involved in matters of foreign policy. Unfortunately, I am writing you today to let you know I will be giving up my seat on this committee.

Effective March 26, I hereby resign from the Committee on International Relations.

Sincerely,

CHRIS BELL.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of asking the majority leader the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the majority leader give us some view of the rule under which the majority contemplates consideration of the highway bill?

Mr. DELAY. While I would defer to the Committee on Rules who should have an announcement regarding amendments, I wanted to say that we, as a group, anticipate that they would make in order a variety of amendments and call for a very lengthy debate.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. Obviously this is a very important bill. I think most of us believe it is very important to pass this bill.

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

Mr. DREIER. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. The distinguished majority leader is correct that we do hope to have a wide-ranging debate. I would just like to say that the announcement that I will make in just a few moments will be the outcome of which the gentleman is going to conference, at least on Monday night. Can we assume from that that there will be no action on the highway authorization bill, of a structured rule which has made in order a variety of amendments and call for a very lengthy debate.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comments. I understand the background. As long, obviously, as we do have, within the structured rule, an opportunity to debate different points of view, that will be, I think, helpful to all the Members.

The gentleman from Texas did not mention in his initial discussion of the schedule whether or not there was any plan, at least on Monday, to do anything with respect to going to conference in the budget or instructions. Can we assume from that that there will be no action on the budget going to conference, at least on Monday night?

Mr. DELAY. I appreciate the gentleman reminding me. The gentleman knows, of course, that the other body has already passed their version of the budget resolution; and in working with the other body, I really anticipate moving to go to conference on the budget as early as Monday afternoon of next week.

Mr. HOYER. I am going to go back. There will be no votes until 6:30 on Monday.