Mr. DELAY. That is correct.

Mr. HOYER. I had asked the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) whether or not he contemplated any action on Monday. He indicated that he had not. Subsequently, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSELE) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) have talked, but I do not know whether the gentleman from South Carolina knows that at this point in time. Do we know whether they have really made a decision on that?

Mr. DELAY. I appreciate the gentleman asking about the continuity in Congress bill. We had it sort of waiting in the wings, but it looks like next week is going to be a pretty full week, and we may have to look for another time to bring that bill to the floor.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

Reclaiming my time, I think we still have some work to do on that, hopefully in a bipartisan fashion. This is obviously a critical problem confronting the Congress and the American people. Hopefully, perhaps, we can reach some agreement on that. If we had some extra time, that might be possible.

Mr. DELAY. I want to congratulate the gentleman, because I know he has worked on it and others have. I have been very pleased with the bipartisan-ship that has been exhibited in working on this continuity of government bill. I am very pleased, and I think we can continue to work together and come to some sort of solution to protect this House in case of some calamity.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for his comment.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2004

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2004, for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3550, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 29 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3550, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered the bill reported on March 24.

Members wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H–312 of the Capitol by 5:00 p.m. on March 29 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3550, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users.

Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Armed Services.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel in ensuring 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 that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

MOURNING THE PASSING OF ROBERT N. BROWN, COLUMBUS, INDIANA, NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, today the city of Columbus, Indiana, bid farewell to one of its great sons, Robert N. Brown. Robert N. Brown was born 83 years ago in the city of Columbus. During the course of his lifetime, he was a publisher of newspapers, a founder of newspapers, a World War II veteran and a devoted member of the community. I am honored to have D-Day Plus 3, the proud father of four and grandfather to many, many more in our community. It was my privilege to offer the eulogy today at First Christian Church in Columbus, Indiana.

I rise today to offer my condolences to the family and to the community at this loss. May he and his family feel the peace of Christ in this time of loss.