

minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, as I understand this unanimous consent proposal, what this means is that we still face the need to dispose of some 43 amendments. As I calculate it, given the time allotted to each, that means that with the slippage that normally occurs, we are looking at approximately 9 hours of additional debate on these issues, without counting the time that it takes to conduct the roll calls on whatever issues are put to a roll call.

I would urge Members to recognize that if all of these amendments are offered, we are going to be here until the cows come home, as they say in my area, and I think we would prefer to see debate more focused than that.

For instance, under this agreement, we face the prospect of having some 10 amendments on Cuba. I would hope that we could focus that issue on the most important issues that are involved.

Having said that, I would simply like to ask one question under my reservation: It is my understanding that if this unanimous consent agreement is agreed to, that we would proceed to debate further issues until 9:45 tonight. At 9:45, we will take whatever votes are pending. We would then resume action in the House tomorrow at 10 o'clock, and that this committee would be allowed to complete its business before any other matter comes before the House.

Is that a correct understanding?

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. On behalf of the leadership, let me try to respond. The gentleman's description of the schedule this evening is exactly on target, and it is our intention, the leadership's intention, to come to the Floor at 10 o'clock in the morning. This bill will be up and the committee's work will be done before we proceed to anything else. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman. I would simply like to point out, it is not particularly important to me whether we finish the appropriation bills before we leave for the July 4 recess or not, but I was under the impression that it was important to the gentleman from California and to the majority leadership. I am willing to cooperate in that effort, but I do not want any other committee business to come before the House that would get in the way of accomplishing that end.

So if that is the understanding and if the gentleman is in fact speaking for the leadership on that matter?

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield further. The gentleman and I discussed this earlier. On behalf of the leadership, they have given me direction to publicly outline that agreement. We will be coming in at 10 o'clock in the morning. Our bill will be completed before we proceed to any other matters.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, with that understanding, I would be happy to withdraw my reservation of objection and wish Mr. KNOLLENBERG good luck.

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

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 342 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3058.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3058) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, with Mr. BASS (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the amendment by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. DAVIS) had been disposed of and the bill had been read through page 67, line 12.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except:

Pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;

Amendments printed in the RECORD and numbered 4, 8 and 13;

An amendment by Mr. NADLER regarding HOPWA;

An amendment by Mr. PICKERING regarding enforcement of the Individuals With Disabilities Parking Reform Amendment Act;

An amendment by Mr. OBEY regarding D.C. funding;

An amendment by Mr. SANDERS regarding contracting out flight service stations, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

An amendment by Ms. DELAURO regarding corporate entities chartered in Antigua, Panama, Bermuda, Barbados and the Cayman Islands, which shall be debatable for 15 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. OBEY regarding an OMB Circular, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes;

An amendment by Mr. CUELLAR regarding funding for the Community Development Fund;

An amendment by Mrs. JONES of Ohio regarding HOME Investment Partnership Program;

An amendment by Ms. WATERS regarding funding for the Community Development Fund;

An amendment by Mr. COSTELLO regarding cities of Alton and Granite City, Illinois;

An amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding funding for the Supreme Court;

An amendment by Ms. HERSETH regarding judiciary funding;

An amendment by Ms. HOOLEY regarding increasing funds for HIDTA;

An amendment by Ms. VELÁZQUEZ regarding e-travel and small business protection;

An amendment by Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan regarding the sale of Unocal Corporation;

An amendment by Mr. VAN HOLLEN regarding revisions to circular A-76;

An amendment by Mr. TIAHRT regarding regulations on U.S. business competitiveness;

An amendment by Mr. HEFLEY regarding an across-the-board cut;

An amendment by Mr. BROWN of Ohio regarding reporting on the cost of new prescription drugs;

An amendment by Mr. HINCHEY regarding private contractor activity;

An amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey regarding eminent domain;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding the travel ban with Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding religious exemption on the travel ban with Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding cap on remittances with Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding enforcement of the weight limit on baggage for travel to Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding amateur sports teams travel to Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding family travel to Cuba by members of the Armed Forces;

An amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding trade agreements and their relationship with Cuba;

An amendment by Ms. LEE regarding academic institutions and travel to Cuba;

An amendment by Mr. RANGEL regarding enforcement of the economic embargo on Cuba;