

recovery that relate to wages and benefits to be paid to workers, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PRIVILEGED REPORT ON RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY TO SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, from the Committee on Homeland Security, submitted an adverse privileged report (Rept. No. 109-259) on the resolution (H. Res. 463) of inquiry directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain information to the House of Representatives relating to the reapportionment of airport screeners, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 4128, PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 4128, the Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005.

Any Member 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 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2005. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Judiciary Committee on Thursday, October 27, which is expected to be filed with the House early next week. Members are also advised that the text should be available for their review on the Web sites of the Judiciary and Rules Committees by today, October 28.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California, chairman of the Rules Committee, I am not sure what the other titles are, for the purposes of informing us of the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding, and I will tell the gentleman that my title is just that of a humble servant to try and make sure that this institution works as well as possible in a bipartisan way.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I think most of the public believes that we hopefully are servants. The adjective I am not sure that they always agree with.

Mr. DREIER. Well, humble is the one I put there, and I am proud to have it there.

Mr. Speaker, let me say that the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. As you know, we are going to be proceeding today with the resolution on Rosa Parks, which is a very important item for us. But when we adjourn and complete our business today, we will adjourn to meet on Tuesday at 12:30 for morning hour and at 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those measures to be considered under suspension will be sent to Members' offices by the end of today. Any votes called on those measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

For Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as H.R. 4128, the Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2005, which I just mentioned and asked for submission of amendments on that. We will be making a rule in order for that. We also anticipate that the House will consider additional appropriations conference reports as they become available.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, you do not mention Friday. There is one bill mentioned, plus perhaps conference reports on appropriations bills. Do you anticipate that we will be meeting Friday next, or that Members can be reasonably confident that we will complete our work for the week by Thursday night?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, let me just say that obviously we are working very hard on the appropriations work. Chairman LEWIS is moving through that agenda very well, and it is our hope that we will be able to complete work. But just as we found today we had the opportunity to consider the Agriculture appropriations conference report, we may, next Friday, have a conference report that would come forward.

Obviously, we will try to get our work completed as expeditiously as possible, and if we can complete it by Thursday, we would like to. But I do think that Members should look at the prospect of being here at least part of the day on Friday of next week, if we do have another conference report from the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for that information.

Regarding Wednesday's schedule, which I know has become somewhat complicated, first of all, it is my understanding that the majority has some meetings on that morning. In addition, as you know, and you mentioned the resolution that we are going to consider on Rosa Parks, Rosa Parks'

funeral in Detroit is on Wednesday. Obviously, therefore, many, many Members will want to be attending that funeral, I am sure, on both sides perhaps. And we are wondering whether or not we can structure Wednesday's schedule to accommodate attendance at the funeral so that Members will not miss votes. It is my understanding that the funeral is at 11 o'clock.

I might yield to the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, who was very, very close to Mrs. Parks, to perhaps give us a thought on the time frame in which Members could be back from the funeral.

Mr. CONYERS. I thank the gentleman very much for yielding.

Saturday, Montgomery, Alabama, St. Paul AME Church. Sunday, St. Paul AME Church, 10:30, Montgomery, Alabama. Lying in honor at the Rotunda, Capitol, Sunday, from 6:00 p.m. to 9 a.m., which is what we are going to be looking into very shortly. And then Monday, services in Washington, D.C., at the Metropolitan AME Church; Tuesday, Detroit, where her body lies in state at the Wright African American Museum; with a service Wednesday, November 2, at 11 a.m.

Mr. HOYER. Could the gentleman give some idea as to when you believe that Members who attend the 11 o'clock funeral would be able to get back to Washington vis-a-vis votes?

Mr. CONYERS. It would be a 2- to 3-hour service, and we are trying to arrange military craft. We are talking with the Pentagon right now. The Speaker's Office has been very cooperative on this, and we are hoping that there would be a plane for Members to leave here from Washington to Detroit, and back to Washington.

Mr. HOYER. And then given the fact that the Speaker's Office obviously is making these arrangements, I yield to my friend.

Mr. DREIER. I thank my friend for yielding. And let me thank Mr. CONYERS for outlining the schedule for the Nation to remember an extraordinary life.

I, of course, remember very well when we honored Rosa Parks here, and, having learned so many things about her that I frankly did not know just within the last few days, her level of political activism in the 1940s and the kinds of things that she had done, it is very appropriate, and I know the Speaker has done everything that he possibly can to ensure that we do recognize this great life and, of course, by having Rosa Parks' body lie in state here in the Capitol. I think that is a great testament to an extraordinary life.

As we look at our legislative schedule, Mr. Speaker, let me say that we have the very important goal of dealing with legislation that is emerging from the committee chaired by Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. CONYERS is the ranking minority member. And that legislation which I mentioned earlier, dealing with the issue of eminent

domain, is a high priority. So I can assure my friends on both sides of the aisle that we will do everything that we possibly can in looking at the exigencies of the schedule as it relates to Mrs. Parks' funeral in Detroit to accommodate Members when it comes to management of the bill on the floor and votes themselves as they take place. So we will do all that we can to address as well as we possibly can those very understandable issues.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for those comments.

In light of the fact that the Speaker is arranging for the aircraft to get Members there, I presume that they will schedule votes consistent with the leaving and the returning of Members from the funeral. That is my presumption. I understand that is a little bit up in the air, but we certainly hope that can be done. As the gentleman observes, Members on both sides of the aisle I am sure will be attending. I yield to my friend.

Mr. DREIER. I will just say, Mr. Speaker, that we obviously, in looking at the chance the Members will clearly have here in the Capitol to recognize the extraordinary life, we are going to have this resolution on the floor, but we still do want to do whatever we can, and the Speaker is committed to that, to address the concern of her funeral taking place on Wednesday. I thank again the gentleman from Michigan for his thoughtful remarks.

Mr. HOYER. I appreciate the comments of both the ranking member, Mr. CONYERS, who has been so involved in the life of Rosa Parks and such an advocate of civil rights, which was her cause and her life, as the gentleman from California has observed, and I thank him for his comments.

Mr. CONYERS. I just wanted to indicate we expect to be back by 6 o'clock. That is our goal.

Mr. HOYER. As I said, my presumption is that we will try to make sure, I say we, the Speaker's Office will try to make sure that we accommodate Members who are going, because I presume there will be a substantial number.

Mr. DREIER. If the gentleman will further yield, I will just say at this juncture that we are going, again as the gentleman from Maryland has just said, this is obviously in somewhat of a state of flux, but we are going to do everything that we possibly can to accommodate the concerns of those Members who are hoping to attend the funeral of Mrs. Parks.

I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. HOYER. I am sure that all of us want to work this out, and I appreciate that comment.

Let me go, if I might now, to appropriations conference reports. They are not listed here, other than obviously we anticipate that there may well be appropriations conference reports. Do you know which ones we might expect next week and when they might be considered?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. DREIER. I cannot tell you exactly when next week they will be considered, because obviously, we anticipate their filing. I can tell you that from my role on the Rules Committee, that we often wait for appropriations conference reports to be filed, and we do not know exactly when they will be considered. But I will tell you the bills that we do anticipate are, of course, the energy and water appropriations bill and the foreign operations appropriations bill. And we also anticipate next week having motions to go to conference on additional appropriations measures that would include the Science-State-Justice-Commerce bill and the military quality of life bill.

So those are things that we do anticipate, although I cannot say exactly at what point next week they will be considered.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that.

Do we have any read on where the defense appropriation bill is at this point in time?

Mr. DREIER. I do not at this juncture know exactly where we stand on that.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, we have been talking about budget reconciliation now for a number of weeks and the possibility of a budget amendment bill coming to the floor. Over the last 2 weeks that has not come. But, as you know, committees are marking to a figure substantially above the current budget resolution which was adopted by the House and the Senate. Can you tell me whether or not we are going to have a budget amendment bill on the floor either next week or the week after, and whether or not we will have a reconciliation tax bill on the floor in the near future?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, let me say that obviously we are continuing to work on our quest to put into place for the first time since 1977 an amendment to the budget which would call for substantial reductions in spending, particularly in the mandatory area and possibly in other areas.

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We are continuing to work on that, and we would like to do it, but while we are not absolutely certain that that vote, an amendment to the budget, would take place, we are, as the gentleman correctly said, continuing to work on the reconciliation process.

Now, it is my understanding that we have had eight committees that have already reported out their measures, and we are going to continue to do everything that we possibly can to ensure that we bring about a kind of fiscal responsibility that the budget resolution calls for, and as the gentleman said correctly, Mr. Speaker, exceed that if we possibly can. Because trying to rein in the reach of the Federal Government is a high property for us, and we are working, we hope in a bipartisan way, because I know my colleagues on the

other side of the aisle are regularly talking about the problems of deficit spending and all, and we share that concern. We hope that as we proceed with this reconciliation process that we can move a package that will get here to the floor to do the work.

So whether or not we have a vote that amends the budget resolution, we are focused on the reconciliation process itself.

To the gentleman's last question on the tax aspect of reconciliation, that continues to be an item that we are working on. I know that the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS) of the Committee on Ways and Means and the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) are working on that, the ranking member. We at this juncture do not know exactly what shape that will take, but it is something that we do anticipate completing.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, this is not the appropriate forum for debate on fiscal actions that have been taken or will be taken, so I will not enter that debate. I will, however, make the observation that the gentleman mentions that going back to 1977 there was a bill on this floor. Of course, in 1993 there was a bill for which 218 Democrats voted and no Republicans voted that I will remind the gentleman cut over \$250 billion of spending.

I know you would want to be reminded of that and not forget that. I am prepared to get into a debate, but I wanted to correct that observation because very frankly your side tends to ignore the cuts that were effected in 1993 and look only to the revenue which was raised in 1993 which, of course, ultimately from our perspective, and I think accurately, created significant surpluses in this country for 4 years in a row.

I will yield to my friend.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I will say that any time is a good time to talk about fiscal responsibility whether we are engaged in a colloquy or at any point. I am happy to do that right now. I will state that the reason that no Republican in 1993 cast that vote was that it was the largest tax increase in history. And if the gentleman will recall, we within a very short period of time repealed large parts of that tax increase that was put in place in 1993, in 1995, 1996, and 1997 and we did so with the support of President Clinton and a number of Democrats here.

We can continue to debate what took place in the early 1990s. As far as an amendment to the budget resolution that was passed, 1977 is the last time that we actually passed an amendment to the budget resolution which did bring about, called for these kinds of cuts, and we may or may not consider that. But whether we consider it or not, we will be doing everything that we can to work in a bipartisan way to ensure that we proceed with this reconciliation process and bring about the

kind of fiscal responsibility that I believe Democrats and Republicans alike have talked about.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, the gentleman says any time is a good time to talk about fiscal responsibility. We have Rosa Parks that we need to really address and that is critical, but I do not want to let it go. The gentleman has made a mistake, but it is a mistake that is made regularly, and it is a misrepresentation.

In fact, if the gentleman will look to the record, if you use honest nominal numbers, the 1982 Dole-Reagan tax increase was larger, larger than the 1993 revenue enhancement, or tax increase, as you call it, which tried to pay for the things we were buying.

Mr. DREIER. If the gentleman would yield, that was a \$98.5 billion tax increase in 1982. I remember it very, very well.

Mr. HOYER. In nominal terms it was larger. In actual terms, not in nominal, in actual terms if you made \$5 in 1993 and you make \$5.10 now, you are technically making more money. Nobody in the world believes you are making more money. And that misrepresentation, we should not have gotten into this debate because it is the subject of a long debate with significant disagreements between the sides, on fiscal responsibility.

Mr. DREIER. If the gentleman would yield.

Mr. HOYER. As a matter of fact, I would be glad to engage my friend in that debate. We can take an hour out and debate that.

Mr. DREIER. I will close the debate by quoting Thomas Jefferson, the author of our great Declaration of Independence.

Mr. HOYER. I will yield to my friend for the purpose of quoting Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. DREIER. Thomas Jefferson said, "Two thinking men can be given the exact same set of facts and draw different conclusions."

Obviously, that is something that rages on as we debate these issues and we look forward to continuing that. I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. HOYER. Had Jefferson been questioned on that observation, he would have said it does not necessarily mean that both conclusions are correct.

Mr. DREIER. I know, Mr. Speaker, that the gentleman controls the time.

Mr. HOYER. Let me go to another subject because the gentleman and I could go on all day about this, and that is what the Members fear.

Immigration. This is an issue on which many of us have focused, on which great concern has been expressed. I am wondering whether or not you believe that prior to Thanksgiving we will have some type of immigration legislation brought to the floor.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, let me say that, obviously, border security and immigration reform continue to be very high priorities for this majority, and I believe there is bipartisan con-

cern about the issue of our national security, and border security is part of that. Immigration reform is something that I believe we need to address. We are going to continue to do everything that we possibly can to ensure that we address the issue of immigration reform before we adjourn this session of Congress.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, you believe it will come, but you are not sure that it will come before Thanksgiving. Is that I what I get from what you just said? I yield to my friend.

Mr. DREIER. I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope that we could do it before Thanksgiving, before we adjourn on the 18th of November; but my hope is that we will be able to complete work on immigration reform and border security before we adjourn the first session of this Congress.

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

AUTHORIZING THE REMAINS OF ROSA PARKS TO LIE IN HONOR IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 61) authorizing the remains of Rosa Parks to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

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

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) to explain the purpose of this concurrent resolution.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 61, a resolution authorizing the remains of Rosa Parks to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, the Nation suffered a great loss on Monday with the passing of the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Rosa Parks. She had no idea that on December 1, 1955, when she was jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, that she would inspire Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., to lead a 381-day boycott of that city's bus system, touching off the civil rights movement.

Due to the national publicity of the boycott and her active involvement in the NAACP, she had difficulty finding employment in Alabama. Therefore, she and her husband, Raymond Parks, moved north to Detroit in 1957. In 1965 my colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), hired Mrs. Parks as a legislative aid. She worked for him until her retirement from congressional work in 1988 to focus all of

her attention on the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute For Self Development. This nonprofit organization is committed to working with Detroit's youth to build leadership skills and inspire them to continue her work on civil and human rights.

I am especially pleased as a Representative from the State of Michigan to claim the honor of having her as a resident in our State, and also I am very pleased that we have a park in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is named for Rosa Parks and to signify her importance in our Nation.

She was a remarkable person. Her courage and her tenacity sparked the civil rights movements which led to the reversal of some very repressive laws in this country and brought this Nation to its feet in favor of civil rights for all individuals no matter what race, gender, or color. I am very proud to be here to speak as a native of Michigan on her behalf.

In 1999, the United States Congress honored Mrs. Parks in the rotunda of the Capitol by awarding her with the Congressional Gold Medal, our Nation's highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is only fitting that we allow the Nation to pay its final respects to this great American by allowing her to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for support of this resolution.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, under my reservation I too rise in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 61, authorizing the use of the U.S. Capitol rotunda for the remains of Rosa Louise Parks to lie in honor on October 30 and 31 of 2005.

I stand as a very proud African American woman who stands on the shoulders of this great lady who was born Rosa Louise McCauley on February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama. She became a household name on December 1, 1955.

After leaving her job as a seamstress, Rosa Parks boarded a racially segregated Montgomery, Alabama, bus for home and took a seat directly behind the white section. She was asked to yield her seat to a white man by a bus driver who had evicted her from a bus 12 years prior because she had refused to enter via the rear door after paying her fare. What happened next would change America forever.

This humble, soft spoken woman refused to give up her seat and was arrested and taken to jail. While in jail, Rosa Parks did not call for her lawyer. She called for her minister. It was the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who immediately came to her aid. The move kicked off the Montgomery bus boycott and the beginning of a civil rights movement.

Because of Rosa Parks, the black citizens of Montgomery, Alabama, who comprised more than 70 percent of the bus company's business, refused to ride