

with his leadership and see if we could accelerate that so we could bring Shays-Meehan to the floor as quickly as possible, and I thank the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for yielding, and I thank the leader for his consideration of that request.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I just have one other request, and I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) for a comment.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I just have a question for those of us traveling from the West Coast. Is there any possibility that those votes on Tuesday could be rolled until 5 o'clock? If we leave the West Coast first thing early Tuesday morning, the first plane gets in 4 p.m., and we can be on the floor by 5:00. It would be very helpful.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his request, and I do understand how important and sensitive that is.

Ordinarily, especially on a Monday, we would almost assuredly give Members a 6 o'clock vote time. We do have again an opportunity to have an orderly week's business, but to begin, being a Tuesday beginning, I just at this point am not comfortable. Should we see a modification in the schedule, we would put out over the whip notice, but I just do not believe we can get there now.

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Mr. FARR of California. So the gentleman does not think the votes could be rolled?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, we always look for these opportunities to the best of our ability, but we need to get more quickly than in many weeks to considerations of legislation under rules, and therefore we just simply cannot make that Tuesday accommodation that is so usual and, I think, so necessary and desirable. But we will continue to keep the needs of Members in our planning priorities.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1999

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 1999 for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON  
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. 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.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRISTOPHER

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my proud opportunity today to advise the House that my first grandson, Christopher Irving Arme; as we like to know him, "CIA," will be 2 years old tomorrow, and I am going to spend the whole day on that.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain 1-minute speeches.

#### NORTH AMERICAN SLAVERY MEMORIAL COUNCIL ACT

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I believe that a quote by Papa Dallas Stewart, a former slave, captures the essence of the bill that I have introduced today when he said, "Promise me that you are going to tell all the children my story."

As a child, Stewart had his eyes burned out when an overseer caught him studying the alphabet. He spent his life encouraging others to never forget about the horrors of slavery. He understood that we must share the painful past in order to protect our future.

Today, I introduce the North American Slavery Memorial, which is patterned after the Holocaust Museum and pays tribute to those who suffered and perished under slavery in North America. This bill will ensure that future generations grasp the injustice that occurred in North America's past so that we may never repeat it.

For the sake of Papa Stewart and countless others, we must never forget the past. I encourage my colleagues to join the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) and myself in cosponsoring the North American Slavery Museum bill.

#### WAKE UP, AMERICA

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

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask America to wake up.

Watch what is going on here on the floor of Congress. America has seen that we cannot pass effective gun reform in this Congress because we are wedded to the NRA.

Well, I want you to do something about it. I want you to wake up your mayors, city councils, county supervisors, wake up your school boards, wake up your State legislators, because they can do what we cannot do. They can pass laws regulating gun business.

Mr. Speaker, 67 cities and dozens of counties in California have adopted 183 local firearm regulations, local firearm regulations. The State legislature has passed every single law that Congress has rejected. California regulates guns; other counties, cities and school districts regulate, and so can yours. So local governments can do what Congress has refused to do.

Wake up, America. Get all of the politicians involved in this. Take this issue home, and give it to your local legislators and make those laws in your own city.

#### BIPARTISANSHIP FOR MAINTAINING FISCAL DISCIPLINE

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

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago there were reports that Jack Lew, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, intended to slam Republicans for making unrealistic cuts in spending programs. But these same reports also stated that Mr. Lew would insist that the GOP resist the temptation to raise the budget caps.

An administration official said, the message is to the GOP, it is your budget, live with it. Our budget? Mr. Speaker, the 1997 Balanced Budget Act was passed by a bipartisan majority in both House and Senate and signed by the Democratic President of the United States. The problem is that while the minority leadership and the White House are talking fiscal restraint, many of their Democratic colleagues are pushing for spending well above the approved levels. The leaders and their rank and file and the OMB should get on the same page on this issue. There is time to deliberate and craft spending bills to maintain the fiscal discipline which has produced our budget surplus, but only if it is done on a bipartisan basis.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Democratic colleagues to join us in the pursuit of this goal.

#### BRING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on my behalf and on behalf of my colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr.