

it comes to gun locks. What we are asking is that the Republican leadership get this.

If there was any question about the effectiveness of child safety locks for guns, that should be answered by a potential tragedy in Florida, a tragedy that was in fact averted because of a gun lock. An obviously troubled young 14-year-old girl planned to kill first her mother and then her father and her sister, too. She was a troubled youngster. She held a gun to her mother's head but could not fire the gun because of the trigger lock.

We must and we can do something about keeping guns out of the hands of children and of criminals. We do not want to prevent law-abiding citizens from their opportunity to own a gun and to do what is right. We want to provide a safety lock to make sure that our kids are safe.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will just make one comment. I commend the gentlewoman for recognizing the Second Amendment rights in her motion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that this body will approve this motion. But when we convene for the votes that have been postponed, we will have several motions that we will be asked to cast a vote upon.

First, of course, there is the parks measure that is not the heart of the gun safety discussion we have had this morning. Then there will be a vote on the motion to instruct offered by my colleague, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY), that basically says this, conferees, get to work, produce something, work every day until you come up with common sense, reasonable gun safety measures.

We have a motion to instruct offered by my colleague from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) that distorts, I believe, the meaning of the Second Amendment and, as the Members who listened to the debate well understand, really asserts that we have no ability to do any regulation of guns at all because of the Second Amendment. That is clearly not what the Supreme Court has found. It is not the law in America. And it is also not what the American people want.

Finally, we will have a vote on this motion to instruct that says let us ask and instruct the conferees to adopt meaningful reasonable gun safety measures that are consistent with the Second Amendment.

Now, we have been here several days now engaged in these motions to instruct; and I am mindful that, instead of being here talking about these issues, instructing conferees through

votes, we could have been meeting as conferees. I hope that we will finally have a meeting.

On August 3, when we had our first and only meeting of the conference committee when we gave the speeches to each other, the hope was that the staff, at least we were told by the chairman of the conference committee, that it was necessary for the staff to get together over the August recess and the hope was that we would have something we could get behind as schools started.

Now, I have two teenagers. They are both in high school. School started quite some time ago. As a matter of fact, they are starting to get a little nervous about midterms coming up. And we have not produced a darn thing.

Now, I hear about these compromises and how difficult it is, and I am sure it is not the easiest thing to find that sensible middle ground that really is the genius of the American political system, to find this sensible reasonable measure that we can send to the President that will make the American people safe. But we are not going to find that sensible middle ground if we never talk to each other.

Now, I am mindful that the chairman of the committee and the ranking Democrat on the committee are having discussions, and I commend them for that; but we have not seen the product of their discussions. And I really do believe that, while I am sure their discussions are undertaken in good faith, that if we were to shine the light of public view on what is being done, we would get to a conclusion a little bit faster.

Because some of the things that were said in this chamber today about the inability to do anything to regulate assault weapons, to keep criminals from getting guns is preposterous, it is preposterous, and the American people will have none of it.

So let us have that discussion in open session. Let us have the conference committee meeting. Let us come up with a measure. None of us can be in love with our own words. We need to be flexible and reasonable. But the bottom line is we need a measure that closes the loophole that does not purport to do so and not actually achieve that goal. If we can come together on that, we will end up with a bill that we can send to the President and sign into law. I hope that we can. But we are not going to do so if all next week we have to once again have motions to instruct instead of meetings of the conference committee.

I know that we will be in recess to go home to our districts for the weekend, coming back on Monday. I hope that Members can listen closely to what mothers are telling them in the supermarkets when they are home this weekend. Do the right thing, vote "yes" on the McCarthy motion to in-

struct. Oppose the Doolittle flawed motion and please vote "yes" on this motion to instruct.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, the Chair will now put the question on each motion on which further proceedings were postponed in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.R. 1487, de novo; the motion to instruct of H.R. 1501 offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY), by the yeas and nays; the motion to instruct on H.R. 1501 offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) by the yeas and nays; and the motion to instruct on H.R. 1501 offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for each electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

NATIONAL MONUMENT NEPA COMPLIANCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of the passage of the bill, H.R. 1487, on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.