

If I may ask the gentleman one last question, Mr. Speaker, is there a chance that Friday may be given away, in view of the schedule at this point, with only two stated pieces of legislation for the week? Does the gentleman expect that Friday may be given away?

Mr. LAZIO. I would say to the gentleman from New Jersey that Members should expect and plan on being in session on Friday. We have conference reports, appropriations conference reports, that need to be completed. That may include Friday. We expect it will include Friday. We have two votes scheduled. Members right now should plan to be in until 2 p.m. on Friday.

Mr. MENENDEZ. I thank my friend, the gentleman from New York.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1993, EXPORT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, today I sent a Dear Colleague to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet next week to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 1993, the Export Enhancement Act of 1999.

The Committee on Rules may grant a rule which would require that amendments be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. In this case, amendments must be preprinted prior to their consideration on the floor.

Amendments should be drafted to the version of the bill reported by the Committee on International Relations. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted, and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

I join in extending happy Columbus Day to all of our colleagues.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 189

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 189.

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

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1999, TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1999

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, October 8, 1999, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. LAZIO. 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 New York?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

A MINNESOTA HERO DIES, BUT CONNIE EDWARDS' LEGACY WILL LIVE ON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, Connie Edwards taught physical education at Countryside Elementary School in Edina, Minnesota, for 14 years. Her fourth and fifth grade students loved her. She was a great teacher, a wonderful friend, and a true hero.

This past Wednesday Connie, who fought a courageous battle with ovarian cancer, left this Earth, but her spirit will live forever through the many young people whose lives she touched.

As Connie's good friend and former co-worker, Diane Morris, put it, and I am quoting, now, "Connie had such a huge impact on so many people, from students to staff and the entire community. She had an energy that rubbed off on everybody. The school was her stage, and she shined."

To show their affection and respect, Mr. Speaker, Connie's students, past and present, along with her staff members, fellow staff members, and parents of Countryside Elementary School, recently renamed the gymnasium in her honor. Despite her serious illness and treatments which left her weak, Connie Edwards visited Countryside School

frequently during her extended sick leave just to be with her beloved students.

As recently as last Monday, two days before she died, Connie visited Countryside to cheer on her students during a district-wide cross-country race. Connie was mobbed by the students, who loved her so dearly.

Countryside principal Ken Hatch commented, and I am quoting again, "There is no way in the world Connie should have been there. The courage and strength this woman had was astonishing. She displayed that right up to the very end. We loved her dearly and will miss her very much," concluded Principal Hatch.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to measure the great impact of Connie Edwards' life on Countryside's young people over the past 14 years. Connie's courage, energy, and spirit will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone who knew her. Connie was not only a dedicated educator, loyal friend, and role model, she was a true Minnesota hero.

You might be gone, Connie, but Countryside will never forget you. As your beloved students told you in that poem they wrote for you, "Thank you, thank you for all you have done. Our lives are forever changed because of Connie Edwards, a special one."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF SAMUEL C. GRASHIO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NETHERCUTT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment today to recognize the life of Samuel C. Grashio, who died this past Sunday in Spokane, Washington, my hometown, and a major part of the Fifth Congressional District of Washington.

Samuel Grashio was a retired Air Force Colonel and was a highly decorated World War II veteran. While many years have passed since that great struggle for peace, we still remember Samuel Grashio's escape from a Japanese prisoner of war camp during the Bataan Death March. He, along with many others, made that very difficult trek and survived. America's spirit was lifted by the courage that Sam and nine other soldiers showed by escaping the prison camp and for evading their captors in enemy territory for so long.

They continued their struggle for many months, alongside friendly Filipino guerillas who fought bravely to make sure that this group of Americans was able to survive.

Family and friends of Samuel Grashio remember him to be a man of great faith, great courage, and great patriotism. America will remember