

reports ready for consideration in the House throughout the week, and the House will likely take up a continuing resolution at some point next week.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish my colleagues a safe travel to their week-end work period and look forward to seeing them all again on Monday.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank my colleague for his comments.

If he could help us with which appropriation conference report he expects to reach the floor next week, I am interested specifically in the Interior bill, but any others that he might be able to enlighten us on.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would continue to yield, we have just seen the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA), the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, ask for permission to file. We would expect that next week.

We would also expect Commerce, Justice, State.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, can the gentleman give us a date on the Interior bill? It will not be Monday?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, no, it will not be Monday.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, and what about late night sessions next week? Any evenings?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I can only tell my colleague my best judgment is we should all be prepared to work late perhaps every night next week. We may not necessarily work late on each night, but I cannot tell my colleague which nights we might.

As soon as we have the conference reports and are able to move them, we will do so. I will just try to keep Members advised as the days go on.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, on the HMO bill that was passed by what I consider a very large margin last week, when will conferees be appointed for this bill?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, the Speaker plans to make those appointments next week.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, and then finally, I would ask my friend the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) and point out to him that he undoubtedly understands that people all over the country have gotten raises recently. The military and the latest defense bill that we passed today will get a raise.

Our civilian population will get a raise. Members of this body will get a raise at the beginning of the next year. And yet, we still have 12 million Americans out there who are making the minimum wage.

I would respectfully ask when the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) expects to bring the minimum wage bill to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I ap-

preciate the manner in which the gentleman put the question, I supposed designed to get a rise out of me.

But we do appreciate the work that the gentleman is concerned about. We have many Members working on it. That work I think is coming together. We do not have a scheduling announcement now, but we are well aware of the fact that many Members are interested in this work and the gentleman should expect that it will most likely be acted on before we leave this session.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, can the gentleman define "most likely" for us? Are we talking 50 percent, 75 percent, 90 percent here?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to be able to. I can just tell my colleague my sense is that there is a lot of interest on both sides of the aisle in this matter and we know a lot of people are working on it.

I can just tell the gentleman I think he has a good expectation of that work finding its way to the floor before the session is over.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for his comments and hope he has a good weekend.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 18, 1999

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

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DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR  
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON  
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. FOLEY. 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 Florida?

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). 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.

INTRODUCING HOUSE RESOLUTION  
COMMEMORATING AND AC-  
KNOWLEDGING THE SERVICE OF  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER AS  
GENERAL OF THE ARMY AND  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to join with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) in introducing House Concurrent Resolution 198. It is my honor today to commend a fellow Kansan and the gentleman from Texas commending, I guess, a fellow Texan, Dwight David Eisenhower. Today is the 109th anniversary of the birth of our 34th President. The Kansas legislature recently passed a resolution recognizing today, October 14, that day of each year as Dwight D. Eisenhower Day, an official State observance and an opportunity for schools to teach students about our former President. The resolution encourages museums and schools to develop educational programs for our young people to learn about Eisenhower. The city of Abilene in my district is commencing holding 3 days of celebrations so that people across the State and country may recognize, celebrate and learn more about the life of our most accomplished son.

Today, I am speaking in hopes that we can follow Kansas' lead by encouraging Americans all across the United States to take time to remember, honor and learn about Dwight David Eisenhower.

President Eisenhower's life should be an inspiration to all Americans to work continuously to make this country and this world a better place. Born in Denison, Texas, in the district of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) and raised in Abilene, Kansas, in the First District of my State, Ike was one of seven sons and grew up in a home of modest means. He became interested in the military at an early age. Following his graduation from Abilene High School in 1909 and a job at the Bell Springs Creamery, young Ike was accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1911.

On July 1, 1916, Ike married Miss Mamie Geneva Doud of Denver, Colorado. The Eisenhowers had two sons, Doud Dwight who died in infancy and John Sheldon Doud who followed his father into national service, is now a retired brigadier general in the Army Reserves, a former U.S. ambassador to Belgium and one of our Nation's leading military historians.

In 1935, Ike assumed the rank of captain and accompanied General Douglas MacArthur to the Philippines, serving as a senior military assistant to the