

support our military. There was a vote taken not to endorse a policy that we should have been asked weeks ago before the bombing started to be part of. There was a vote not to endorse a policy that has not been explained to this Congress the way it should have been explained by the administration.

We have heard of vile partisanship on this House yesterday, but over 2 dozen members of the Democratic party voted with Republicans, Republicans voted with Democrats. We would be glad to have those 2 dozen members of that party if they do not want them.

This was not a statement about vile partisanship. This was a statement about principle. This is about whether foreign policy is driven by the Constitution or by CNN, and the Constitution says the President and the Congress should be involved in that.

I call on the President to provide the leadership that this Congress needs.

#### THIS PLACE IS GETTING CURIOSER AND CURIOSER

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, yesterday, as I listened to that debate, I thought of my time in the Vietnam war when I listened to soldiers and sailors and marines talk about what it was like fighting a war when the American people did not support them. I got to wonder what people think sitting on the flight line in Aviano in Italy today, asking themselves:

Where is the Congress? Are we going out there risking our lives, and they do not support us?

Now I watched last night when the leadership of this House stood by that back retail and did not turn a single vote around. Amazing. One can be the leader of this House, and they cannot change a single vote. They do not even speak to anybody to change a vote.

Now next week we will see it all different. Then we will have an appropriations act out here, and we will want to give money to an effort that we do not support.

Madam Speaker, Lewis Carroll must be writing the script because this place is getting curiously and curiously.

#### WHY IS SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL SO SUCCESSFUL?

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

Mr. DEMINT. Madam Speaker, on a more positive note, the upstate region of South Carolina is home to Spartanburg High School, a four-time winner of the National Blue Ribbon Award. It is the only school in our Nation to achieve this honor four times.

Why Spartanburg High so successful? Caring parents, quality students, com-

mitted teachers, creative administrators, an active school board and encouraging community. The people have taken control of their school and have succeeded in spite of misguided federal programs and paperwork.

Do not just take my word for it. Yesterday the Spartanburg Herald Journal wrote an editorial praising Congress for passing legislation to give schools more flexibility. It read:

Federal lawmakers need to do more to free state and local educators so they can run their schools as they see fit. Education is a State and local matter.

I could not have said it better myself.

#### LAST NIGHT'S VOTE NOT TO SUPPORT NATO

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

Mr. PASTOR. Madam Speaker, I could understand a year ago when the majority, because of their hate for President Clinton, made the impeachment process a partisan procedure. But last night I could not believe that the vote to not support NATO was done because of the hate the majority has for the President.

What message have we sent to NATO? What message have we sent to our troops? That we do not support them.

The ironic thing is today, this afternoon, I am going to be asked to vote on the supplemental that doubles the request, and yet I am being asked to vote for a supplemental that the majority does not support, does not support the action of the NATO cause.

In the words of the great Congressman, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT), all I can say is:

Beam me up, Scotty.

#### AMENDING RULES OF HOUSE FOR 106TH CONGRESS

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 153) amending House Resolution 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, as amended by House Resolution 129, One Hundred Sixth Congress, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 153

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 5.

Section 2(f)(1) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, agreed to January 6, 1999 (as amended by House Resolution 129, One Hundred Sixth Congress, agreed to March 24, 1999), is amended by striking "April 30, 1999" and inserting "May 14, 1999".

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 154 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 154

*Resolved,* That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1480) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to an amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendments the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with