

they can carry forward their conscience and their responsibility as they would see fit.

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There is no restriction there, and the law is very careful about that. I understand that lawyers, about presuming that only lawyers have these answers, but the committee has worked very carefully with the work done by the Senate, and I am comfortable with that work, as of that moment.

The work of this bill is very, very critical work. Because of some of these questions that are being raised, the votes today may be very important. I urge the Members of the body to realize how significant the work of this committee is and how important it is that they give it their full support, as well as their attention.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to testify that this is a very fine piece of work done by both bodies, carried forward in a most positive way by the leadership of both the ranking member and the chairman.

Mr. Speaker, this is my last year on the committee, and I want to express to our Chairman and to Mr. DIXON my sincerest thanks for their dedication in ensuring this nation has the intelligence capabilities critical to protecting our freedoms. It's not often thought of in these terms, but intelligence truly is our first line of defense, and the close, personal, working relationship Chairman GOSS and Mr. DIXON have, has made our jobs all the easier. I want to thank you both, and I believe this entire body owes you a great deal of gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, every year those of us who serve on the Intelligence Committee stand before this body to discuss the Intelligence Authorization bill. Because of very real national security issues, we cannot discuss the sensitive details of the bill. We simply have to ask our colleagues to "trust us" as we vote on the classified aspects of our intelligence agencies and activities. Mr. Speaker, let me assure you, and, most importantly, the American people, that each member of the committee takes that responsibility very seriously. The issues and debates we take up in committee about our intelligence programs are based solely on national security interests.

Partisan politics is not a function in the conduct of committee business. This has earned the Intelligence Committee the trust that is required. Mr. Speaker, while the Members deserve much for their efforts to oversee our Nation's intelligence organizations, I would be remiss in not making mention of the superb committee staff. The staff deals with some of the most difficult issues facing our country. They do tough work, in a tough environment, and we ask much of them. I thank each member of the Intelligence Committee staff for the support they provide, and more importantly, for what they do for America.

Mr. Speaker, a quick word about our magnificent intelligence community. It is a community of professionals who work in the background and who don't get much credit, if any, for successfully accomplishing the difficult tasks they are asked to carry out. The men

and women of the intelligence community often bear the full brunt of public criticism for the rare, but inevitable intelligence shortfall—after all "perfect knowledge" is a noble, but usually unobtainable, goal. So it is important that we, who know the details of the good work of this community, take every opportunity to thank them for their heroism publicly.

We can't, for example, publically acknowledge the Central Intelligence Agency for an operation that might stop a planned terrorist attack, or the National Security Agency for providing the piece of information that might allow military commanders to locate critical targets, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency for providing the proof that a foreign nation is developing weapons of mass destruction, or the FBI for locating and removing a Russian listening device in the State Department conference room. These and the other intelligence organizations and the analysts who make sense of the myriad information stand watch for all Americans day in and day out. I thank them for the jobs they do, for the professionals that they are, and for the sacrifices they make every single day.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I urge support for this conference report. Indeed it provides the intelligence community with the resources it needs to carry out its mission, and it ensures that the American military forces deployed around the world have the best information resources we can provide them.

That is not to say that I think we have done enough. The world is not a safe place. There are truly bad actors in the world and, in fact, we may be living in a more dangerous and unstable world today than we faced during the cold war: This past week's events in the former Yugoslavia are example; the increase in terrorism—as, tragically, we saw again this morning in the Persian Gulf; the proliferation of inexpensive weapons of mass destruction that puts unbelievable destructive power in the hands of small nations and non-nation groups; the number of countries with nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them is increasing. These threats present tough information challenges for our intelligence community; challenges that must be met. We have to make sure our intelligence organizations are given the proper resources to successfully operate in this dangerous world.

This conference report provides adequate resources that should be seen as a down payment on keeping our intelligence community capable and viable in this dangerous world. But to protect our national security, we must resolve to invest more in our "intelligence first line of defense." I urge my colleagues to vote with me in support of this conference report.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say I support subtitle B of this conference report regarding the Diplomatic Telecommunications Service. Along with the ranking democratic member of the International Relations Committee I wanted to clarify that section 322(a)(6)(C) does not include personnel requirements. It is our understanding that this provision does not require State Department personnel detailed or assigned to the DTS or DTSP0 to be polygraphed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). All time has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). The question is on the conference report.

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will count. An insufficient number of Members have risen, a recorded vote is not ordered.

A recorded vote was refused.

So, the conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4392, and the conference report just considered and passed.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 618, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Bruce F. Vento:

Mr. OBERSTAR, Minnesota.
 Mr. HASTERT, Illinois.
 Mr. GEPHARDT, Missouri.
 Mr. BONIOR, Michigan.
 Mr. SABO, Minnesota.
 Mr. PETERSON, Minnesota.
 Mr. RAMSTAD, Minnesota.
 Mr. MINGE, Minnesota.
 Mr. GUTKNECHT, Minnesota.
 Mr. LUTHER, Minnesota.
 Mr. OBEY, Wisconsin.
 Mr. LAFALCE, New York.
 Mr. MARKEY, Massachusetts.
 Mr. KILDEE, Michigan.
 Mr. RAHALL, West Virginia.
 Mr. FROST, Texas.
 Mr. COYNE, Pennsylvania.
 Mr. HOYER, Maryland.
 Mr. KLECZKA, Wisconsin.
 Mr. KANJORSKI, Pennsylvania.
 Mr. LEWIS, Georgia.
 Mr. SAWYER, Ohio.
 Mr. McDERMOTT, Washington.
 Mr. BARRETT, Wisconsin.
 Mr. HINCHEY, New York.
 Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Texas.
 Mr. POMEROY, North Dakota.
 Mr. WATT, North Carolina.
 Ms. WOOLSEY, California.

Mr. FARR, California.
 Mr. UNDERWOOD, Guam.
 Mr. BENTSEN, Texas.
 Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Texas.
 Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland.
 Mr. KIND, Wisconsin.
 Ms. LEE, California.
 Mr. GONZALEZ, Texas.
 Mr. GARY MILLER, California.
 Mr. THOMPSON, California.
 Mr. UDALL, Colorado.
 Mr. UDALL, New Mexico.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this time to inquire about next week's schedule, and I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS).

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

I am very pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week. The House will not be in session tomorrow.

The House will meet next week for legislative business on Tuesday, October 17, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour, and at 12 noon for legislative business.

The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow.

On Wednesday, October 18, and the balance of the week the House will consider the following measures: H.R. 4635, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act conference report; H.R. 4577, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations conference report; and H.R. 4942, the District of Columbia appropriations conference report.

Mr. Speaker, the House will also consider any other conference reports that may become available throughout the week.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I have several questions, if I may, to the gentleman from Florida.

The first question is, does the gentleman expect any other business on Tuesday besides suspension bills?

Mr. GOSS. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday there is possibly a motion to go to conference on the VA-HUD bill. That is a possibility.

Mr. FROST. Another question. The gentleman has said on Wednesday and the balance of the week, and the gentleman listed several bills. Could the gentleman be more specific as to what day the gentleman expects the Labor-HHS appropriations to be on the floor?

Mr. GOSS. It is clear that we can say the conferees are working hard. We hope to know sooner rather than later exactly which bills are going to come up on which days, but I do not think I

can give any specific certainty on that. I would not want to preclude the hard work that is going on.

Mr. FROST. The final question, which is, of course, the \$64,000 question, on which day does the gentleman expect us to adjourn for the year?

Mr. GOSS. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I think the gentleman undervalues the question.

Mr. FROST. A little inflation.

Mr. GOSS. I am sorry to say that I do not have the answer to that question.

Mr. FROST. I thank the gentleman very much.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2000

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent when the House adjourns on Monday, October 16, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that 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.

ARNOLD C. D'AMICO STATION

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4853) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1568 South Glen Road in South Euclid, Ohio, as the "Arnold C. D'Amico Station," and ask for its immediate consideration by the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I will not object, and I rise in support of H.R. 4853.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I will try to be very brief for an explanation to the House.

The bill before us was introduced by our colleague, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) on July 13 of this year, and was amended by the Committee on Government Reform on October 5.

The amendment very simply changes the word "Glen" to "Green", as determined after review by the United States Postal Service. As the Clerk has read, it does redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1568 South Green Road in South Euclid, Ohio, now known as the South Euclid Station, to afterwards be designated as the Arnold C. D'Amico station.

As is the practice of the Committee on Government Reform, the entire delegation in this House from the State of Ohio has cosponsored this legislation.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding to me and giving me the opportunity to speak.

I briefly thank my colleagues for their support to designate a post office in the city of South Euclid on behalf of the mayor, Arnold C. D'Amico.

Mr. Speaker, Arnold D'Amico was born in Warren, Ohio on September 3, 1923 and received his early education from Notre Dame Sisters at Saint Mary's Catholic School. After graduating from Warren Harding School he enrolled at Kent State University. However, World War II interrupted his college education and Mr. D'Amico served with distinction for three years in the United States Army, and was assigned to the Aleutian Islands and the China-Burma-India theaters. Following his distinguished military service he returned to Kent State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business Administration.

After graduation, Mr. D'Amico was very active politically in the Greater Cleveland business community with a career spanning over 20 years. During this time he was elected councilman for Ward 2 in South Euclid, Ohio. While on City Council, Mr. D'Amico served on the Planning Commission, and he was the chairman of the Council of Government of the Tri-City Consortium on Aging Commission. Subsequently, he was elected Mayor of South Euclid, Ohio.

In 1976, Arnold D'Amico became South Euclid's first full time Mayor. He was not only committed to the city of South Euclid, but he was also instrumental in moving the city forward. Under his leadership South Euclid prospered and established itself as a model city of efficiency.

Mayor D'Amico was a wonderful man and I am happy to support this designation.