

rise, Mr. Chairman, I would ask my colleagues to give the chairman a round of applause for having conducted this day's activities in a very, very excellent and professional way.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. THORBERRY, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3908) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3908, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

LIMITATION ON AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3908, 2000 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3908 in the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to House Resolution 450, no further amendment shall be in order except as follows:

One, pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations for the purpose of debate;

Two, the amendment printed in Part B of House Report 106-549 and numbered 12; and

Three, the following further amendments:

Amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) regarding certain reductions and limitations;

Amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) regarding an across-the-board cut;

Amendment offered by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) regarding U.S. military in Colombia;

Amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) regarding buy America;

Amendment offered by the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACCI) regarding building technology assistance conservation activities;

Amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) regarding the Food and Drug Administration;

And an amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) regarding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Each further amendment may be offered only by the Member designated in this request or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

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

Mr. OBEY. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I think Members need to understand that the reason they were kept here until midnight tonight is because there was an expectation and a hope that we would be able, by holding Members here this late this evening, to get Members out roughly around noon tomorrow so that all Members of the House, not just a few, could catch planes back to their districts.

That would have necessitated, in my judgment, a number of the amendments just described being at least debated tonight. A number of those amendments would not even have been in order if the committee had not worked with Members in order to help them get them in order, and so I think it would have been fair to ask those Members to debate those amendments tonight, because if we had not helped them, they would not have been able to debate them at all.

Secondly, there is at least one committee chairman in the House who has an amendment which is going to take longer than the others. It would have been very helpful if we could have had that amendment debated tonight and the vote coming tomorrow.

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That is what happened with a lot of people. An awful lot of people had their amendments debated late tonight, but evidently he does not want to take it up tonight.

So I think Members need to know that it is my judgment that under this agreement, they had probably better not plan on being out of here much before 2 o'clock. I regret that. I wish some of these amendments would be considered tonight. I am sorry that the authors would not be willing to do that, but I want Members to understand the problem.

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

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say to the gentleman, when we were here at 9 o'clock, we were told it was unlikely that the amendment on

Kosovo, in fact, we were not going to get to the amendment on Kosovo, and people on the gentleman's side of the aisle sent some staff home. We were under the impression it was not coming up tonight.

And then when we came back to the floor, we were told we might consider it at 11 o'clock. Some of the cosponsors of the amendment had dismissed their people. They did not have all of their material, and I suggested that we come in fresh and get right on it. I did not care what time it was.

So I would say to the gentleman if it inconvenienced the House, I want to apologize for that. But we were operating under the assumption that it would not be considered tonight and we wanted to make sure it was considered when Members were prepared and we could have a full debate. So I wanted the gentleman to understand what the confusion was.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman from Ohio. Let me simply say that I had intended to vote for his amendment, and I still do. But the fact is that I have been asking people all night long to enable us to finish the gentleman's amendment and a number of others. No one ever talked to me about the assumption that the gentleman's amendment was not going to be considered tonight. We have had a lot of people have their amendments offered tonight. We did not intend in any way to truncate the debate.

But since a lot of other Members had been asked to consider their amendment in other than ideal conditions, I did not think it was too much to ask the gentleman to do the same thing.

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I would say to the gentleman it is not just an understanding on the cosponsors on this side of the aisle. It was also that understanding from Members who were helping on the amendment on the other side of the aisle. We just had misinformation and miscommunication.

But I would say to the gentleman, I am certainly not going to argue with him if he might vote for the amendment. Whatever we need to do, let us get it up in the morning and give it good consideration.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, again reclaiming my time, all I will say is that Members should, for purposes of planning, understand that this delay means they are probably not going to get out of here until around 2 o'clock instead of noon.

Mr. Chairman, with that I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.