CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

September 21, 2001

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

DeGette
Kaptur

NOT VOTING—18

Bereuter
Deutsch
Hollen

Boehner
Dingell
Issa

Buxton
Fuscella
Pyor (OH)

Buyer
Gillmor
Ryder

Bush
Jackson (IN)

CUCY
Hefley
Schiffer

Cox
Hobson
Towns

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall number 348, the vote we just had, I inserted my card, pushed "yea" and left the Chamber only to learn from a colleague that I had not voted. I believed that I had voted. I came back in, and the record was closed. I would like for the record to indicate that I would have voted "yea" on rollcall number 348. I was present.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 2926, the bill just passed. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska? There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2500. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2510. An act to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for the remainder of the evening and next week.

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

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week. Let me say that again, Mr. Speaker: I am so very pleased that the House has completed its legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet for morning business on Monday, September 24, at 12:30 p.m. and 2 o’clock p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, and a continuing resolution.

On Monday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 o’clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the House will consider the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, and I am also hopeful that the House will be able to complete consideration of H.R. 2586, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002.

On Wednesday, only if it is necessary for the House to be in session, we will complete the business for the week. No votes are expected past 2 o’clock p.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his information this evening. I would ask him two questions.

Number one, I gather from his remarks with respect to Wednesday next that if we finish the business of the House Tuesday, that we will be finished, so Members who need to get back for religious holidays will be able to do so.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, we are going to work as hard as we can, and in full cooperation, I am sure, with all the Members to try to complete our work on Tuesday night. Members need to be home by sundown, and sometimes that is California or someplace else on the West Coast. We want to give them every opportunity to get an early start in the morning so they can accomplish that.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my colleague.

Finally, I would ask my friend, the gentleman from Texas, we had a
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Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I do have an inquiry of the majority leader. I do join the gentleman in the fervent hope we can complete our business for the week by Tuesday night. In the event that it was necessary for us to convene on Wednesday morning, could we convene at 9 a.m., in the hopes that maybe we could wrap up our business on Wednesday morning and not continue into Wednesday afternoon?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman from Texas could enlighten us, and I do not expect they can have a complete answer here, given the fact that this was just done today, but when in fact we might expect action on legislation that was discussed on the floor in the colloquy between the Speaker and the leader.

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

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my colleague from California. I am just interested, if the gentleman from Texas could enlighten us, and I do not expect they can have a complete answer here, given the fact that this was just done today, but when in fact we might expect action on legislation that was discussed on the floor in the colloquy between the Speaker and the leader.

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Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the inquiry. The gentleman makes a very good point, and I have to say, I think in full confidence, that as a matter of respect for our colleagues, should we have to proceed on such an unanimous consent request, I would guess that the gentleman would hear a resounding silence when asked if there were any objections. I appreciate the question.

Mr. SHERMAN. I thank the majority leader for doing everything possible to accommodate us.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY.
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Mr. ARMEY. 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 (Mr. THORNBERY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY)?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. 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 Texas (Mr. ARMEY)?

There was no objection.

APOLGY TO SIKHS, MUSLIMS, AND ANYONE ELSE TAKING OFFENSE AT PRIOR STATEMENTS

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

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, I was recently quoted as saying something that Sikhs, Muslims, and other Americans facing harassment and violence in this country took as offensive. I am sorry for any distress my statement caused, and I want them to know that I do not approve of any harassment or violence against any American. All I intended to say was that if a person fits the established profile of a terrorist, that person should expect to be looked at closely by airport security, given the atrocity of September 11.

Many Sikhs are being subjected to harassment due to their beards and turbans, which are required by their religion. Americans of the Muslim faith are also receiving harassment. Sikhism is an independent, monotheistic, revered religion. It is not part of any other religion, although Sikhs are sometimes mistaken for Muslims or Hindus. There are 21 million Sikhs in the world, most of whom live in the Punjab state of India. Approximately 500,000 live in the United States; and most are naturalized or American-born citizens. Most have contributed to all walks of life. Most of the people who wear turbans in this country are Sikhs.

There are many reasons Sikhs come to America, but mainly they come seeking freedom. To persecute them only weakens American unity at a time when our country is under attack.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to let the Sikhs, Muslims, and other Americans who are facing harassment and violence know that I do not condone such acts, that I stand shoulder to shoulder with them, and that I am on their side.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PLATTS). Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMERICANS FACING UGLY THREATS AT HOME

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as America mourns its 500th milestone to launch a global war on terrorism, some Americans are facing additional ugly threats here on the home front, and they are not from foreign terrorists but, regrettably, they are from fellow citizens.

Since the attacks on New York and Washington last week, many Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, Sikhs, and other Americans of South Asian heritage have become the targets of terrorism-related bigotry and violence based solely on their faith, their heritage, or their choice of traditional clothing.

Americans of just about every religion and ethnic heritage lost loved ones in this terrorist attack. At least five Sikh Americans were killed in the