

Quinn	Shaw	Thune
Radanovich	Shays	Tiahrt
Ramstad	Sherwood	Tiberi
Regula	Shimkus	Toomey
Rehberg	Simmons	Traficant
Reynolds	Simpson	Upton
Riley	Skeen	Vitter
Rogers (KY)	Smith (MI)	Walden
Rogers (MI)	Smith (NJ)	Walsh
Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Wamp
Ros-Lehtinen	Souder	Watkins
Roukema	Spence	Watts (OK)
Royce	Stearns	Weldon (FL)
Ryan (WI)	Stump	Weldon (PA)
Ryun (KS)	Sununu	Weller
Saxton	Sweeney	Whitfield
Scarborough	Tancredo	Wicker
Schaffer	Tauzin	Wilson
Schrock	Taylor (NC)	Wolf
Sensenbrenner	Terry	Young (AK)
Sessions	Thomas	Young (FL)
Shadegg	Thornberry	

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of H.R. 3, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) for the purpose of apprising us of next week's schedule.

Mr. PORTMAN. I thank my friend from Maryland for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has now completed its legislative business for this week.

The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, March 13, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of measures under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to the Members' offices tomorrow, Friday. On Tuesday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 14, and Thursday, March 15, the House will consider at least the following measures:

H.R. 223, the Clear Creek County Land Disposal Act,

H.R. 880, the Washington County Land Acquisition Act, and

H.R. 725, the Made in America Information Act.

Mr. Speaker, again I thank the gentleman for yielding. Of course many of us will be together at the bipartisan retreat this weekend. I hope I will see the gentleman there.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. We are all looking forward to that opportunity, or at least some few of us are looking forward to that opportunity, hopefully more than the last.

In any event, Mr. Speaker, if I can ask the gentleman from Ohio another question. Ergonomics came up this week. As he knows, we were somewhat concerned because that had not been on the calendar and we expressed that concern.

Does the gentleman know of any possible items like that that might come up next week that are not noticed at

this point in time that may or may not be up?

Mr. PORTMAN. We would expect no such major or what some might consider controversial provisions. That, of course, was waiting for the Senate to act. Once the Senate acted, we acted. There may be, it is my understanding, some other legislative activity that committees are still working to see whether some other things might come to the floor next week, but we would expect nothing along those lines.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. One additional question. As he knows, we have been talking for some period of time now about the creation of a select committee on election reform.

Does the gentleman have any idea whether we might have a proposal on the floor for an equally balanced committee being appointed for the purposes of considering election reform?

Mr. PORTMAN. I am not aware of any legislation that would be on the floor next week in that regard, although I suppose it is possible. I know that the Speaker and the minority leader are in discussions with regard to the select committee on election reform, but I do not know that there will be anything on the floor next week nor do I think anyone on our side knows at this point.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his response. I would simply say that clearly this is a critical issue which I do not think is a partisan issue. I think there is not a Member on the House floor of either side of the aisle or our two Independents who do not believe that citizens ought to be encouraged to vote, facilitated in casting their vote and to having the technology available that will make sure that they count their votes. We focused on Florida, but as we have learned, this problem exists in many jurisdictions. It is not a partisan problem, it is in some respects a technological problem and in some respects election officials are not trained as well as they ought to be, not through any fault of their own but just we have not had the mechanisms to do that, to reach out and to make sure that citizens have access to the polling places.

I know the Speaker is focused on it. I know the minority leader is focused on it. I hope that we could accomplish this in the short term so that we might effect reforms prior to the next election. That is our concern about timing.

I would be glad to yield to the gentleman for any comments he might want to make.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly agree with what the gentleman said with regard to the need to take a look at our election systems. I know that the leadership on this side concurs with that. The hope is that we can soon move forward with a select commission in that regard.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comments.

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Allen	Hill	Napolitano
Andrews	Hilliard	Neal
Baca	Hinchev	Oberstar
Baird	Hinojosa	Obey
Baldacci	Hoefel	Olver
Baldwin	Holden	Ortiz
Barcia	Holt	Owens
Barrett	Honda	Pallone
Becerra	Hooley	Pascarell
Bentsen	Hoyer	Pastor
Berkley	Inslee	Payne
Berman	Israel	Pelosi
Berry	Jackson (IL)	Phelps
Blagojevich	Jackson-Lee	Pomeroy
Blumenauer	(TX)	Price (NC)
Bonior	Jefferson	Rahall
Borski	John	Rangel
Boswell	Johnson, E. B.	Reyes
Boucher	Jones (OH)	Rivers
Boyd	Kanjorski	Rodriguez
Brady (PA)	Kaptur	Roemer
Brown (FL)	Kennedy (RI)	Ross
Brown (OH)	Kildee	Rothman
Capps	Kilpatrick	Rush
Capuano	Kind (WI)	Rybal-Allard
Cardin	Kleczka	Rush
Carson (IN)	Kucinich	Sabo
Carson (OK)	LaFalce	Sanchez
Clay	Lampson	Sanders
Clayton	Langevin	Sandlin
Clyburn	Lantos	Sawyer
Conyers	Larsen (WA)	Schakowsky
Costello	Larsen (CT)	Schiff
Coyne	Lee	Scott
Crowley	Levin	Serrano
Cummings	Lewis (GA)	Sherman
Davis (CA)	Lipinski	Sisisky
Davis (FL)	Lofgren	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	Lowe	Smith (WA)
DeFazio	Luther	Snyder
DeGette	Maloney (CT)	Solis
DeLahunt	Maloney (NY)	Spratt
DeLauro	Markey	Stark
Deutsch	Mascara	Stenholm
Dicks	Matheson	Strickland
Dingell	Matsui	Tanner
Doggett	McCarthy (MO)	Tauscher
Dooley	McCarthy (NY)	Taylor (MS)
Doyle	McCollum	Thompson (CA)
Edwards	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
Engel	McGovern	Thurman
Eshoo	McKinney	Tierney
Etheridge	McNulty	Towns
Evans	Meehan	Turner
Farr	Meek (FL)	Udall (CO)
Fattah	Meeks (NY)	Udall (NM)
Filner	Menendez	Velázquez
Ford	Millender-	Visclosky
Frank	McDonald	Waters
Frost	Miller, George	Watt (NC)
Gephardt	Mink	Waxman
Gonzalez	Moakley	Weiner
Green (TX)	Mollohan	Wexler
Gutierrez	Moore	Woolsey
Hall (OH)	Moran (VA)	Wu
Harman	Murtha	Wynn

NOT VOTING—5

Ackerman	Shows	Stupak
Ballenger	Skelton	