

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inquire about next week's schedule.

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

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the distinguished majority leader, for the purposes of apprising us of the schedule for next week.

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

Mr. Speaker, I did not get the gentleman from Maryland's comment. I missed it.

Mr. HOYER. I said I would yield to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader, for the purposes of informing Members about the schedule.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman from Maryland for yielding. I thought I had heard the gentleman say "distinguished." I just wanted to hear him say it again. I thank the gentleman from Maryland.

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

The House will next meet for legislative business on Tuesday, March 20, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 o'clock 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 Members' offices tomorrow.

On Tuesday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 o'clock p.m.

On Wednesday, March 21, and Thursday, March 22, the House will meet at 10 o'clock a.m. for legislative business.

The House will consider the following measures:

H.R. 802, the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act;

H.R. 247, the Tornado Shelters Act.

Mr. Speaker, we are working with several committees at this time that may have further business ready for consideration on the floor next week. My office will advise the Democratic leadership and the House as soon as further floor business is ready to be announced this afternoon and tomorrow.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Texas, the majority leader, indicates that there are some possibilities of discussions with some of the committees resulting in bills being reported to the floor.

Would the gentleman be able to inform us as to what those possibilities are, realizing they may or may not come to the floor? Do we know what

the possible bills that might come to the floor would be?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentleman for his inquiry.

I am working with a lot of committees. Quite frankly, at this point, I cannot tell the gentleman what they might be. I do not see anything that would be controversial in the mix of things that might be available, but we certainly will advise the Members and the leadership as soon as we can find something, whatever it is.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman, particularly for his observation that if something came that we did not hear about today, the probability is it would not be controversial.

Mr. ARMEY. I would expect nothing controversial.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, when does the leader expect the next tax bill to come to the floor? Do we have any information on that?

Mr. ARMEY. Again, I want to thank the gentleman for his inquiry.

I just spoke with the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. He is working out a few details for an announcement he expects to make this afternoon. It will be a very public announcement.

I believe it will serve the interests of the body best for us to wait for the chairman to make that announcement, rather than for me to speculate at this time.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that response.

Would I be correct, however, in concluding from the gentleman's remarks that there would not be anything controversial coming to the floor next week?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, I would expect nothing from the Committee on Ways and Means, certainly not a major tax bill. Perhaps they may have something that would be noncontroversial. That basic characterization of noncontroversial I would apply to anything that we should expect on the floor next week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the leader for his information.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. 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 (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 19, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on

Tuesday, March 20, for morning hour debates.

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

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?

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minute speech requests.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE BATCHELOR, FOUNDER OF THE BATCHELOR CHILDREN'S CENTER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, George Batchelor, for his wonderful philanthropy and generosity in founding the Batchelor Children's Center, a state-of-the-art facility housing the University of Miami's bench and clinical research programs in childhood diseases.

As one of only a handful of children's research centers in the Nation, the Batchelor Children's Center will enable an unprecedented collaboration among scientists. Scheduled to open in May, 2001, it will attract the best scientific minds and provide an atmosphere conducive to finding cures and treatments for cystic fibrosis, for cancer, leukemia, and other diseases plaguing children.

George Batchelor's son, Falcon, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 14. Specialists projected that Falcon would only live to age 17; but George, refusing to accept that, began bringing his son to the University of Miami's cystic fibrosis center. Falcon lived to be 35, and George said that the 20 quality years he spent with Falcon after his first visit to UM was a gift that he will never be able to repay.

Today I pay tribute to George for returning the gift of health for his son with the gift of hope for parents and their suffering children.