MAKING IN ORDER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2001 IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DEBATE ON CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, for the Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for a period of debate on the subject of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002; that such period of debate not exceed 3 hours; that 2 hours of such debate be confined to the congressional budget and be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and that 1 hour of such debate be on the subject of economic goals and policies and be equally divided and controlled by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) or their designees; that after such period of debate, the Committee of the Whole rise without motion; and that no further consideration of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, although I do not intend to object, I would like to ask a question.

It is my understanding that the first hour of the 3 hours of general debate will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. The remaining 2 hours will be resumed after the vote or votes that begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) to confirm that this is the intent of the majority.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, it sounds as if we coordinated things perfectly.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I have asked for this time to inquire about next week's schedule, and I wish to yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY).

Mr. ARMEY. 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 27 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. The House will consider a number of business under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Member's offices tomorrow. No recorded votes are expected before 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Mr. Speaker, also on Tuesday the House is expected to consider the Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution beginning at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m., the House will begin 3 hours of general debate on the budget resolution. No budget-related votes are expected on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, March 28, and the balance of the week, the House will consider the following measures subject to the rules: The budget resolution for the fiscal year 2002; H.R. 6, the Marriage Tax Elimination Act of 2001.

Mr. Speaker, obviously next week will be a busy and productive week on the floor. In expectation of that busy week, I wish all of my colleagues a restful weekend and time at home with their family and their constituents.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, if I may inquire of the gentleman, the tax bill is expected to be on the floor on Tuesday?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will yield, the tax bill is expected on the floor on Thursday.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. On Thursday?

Mr. ARMEY. Right.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Should Members expect to be here voting on Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, we cannot say for certain now. This is a busy week with a lot of work, and as we get a measure of the week's progress, we will try to inform Members as early as possible about Friday; but for now we have no plans other than we will be working on Thursday and Friday.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2001

Mr. CHABOT. 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 Ohio?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2001

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 26, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. CHABOT. 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 Ohio?

There was no objection.

SENSE OF CONGRESS ON HAGUE CONVENTION ON CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 69) expressing the sense of the Congress on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and urging all contracting states to the Convention to recommend the production of practice guides, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 69

Whereas 20 years ago, the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction was a bold step forward to provide a uniform process for resolving international child abduction cases;

Whereas over the past 2 decades, the Convention has had increasingly important and positive effects and has grown in terms of the number of Contracting States and the level of interest of other nations;

Whereas there has been an increase of multinational marriages and a corresponding increase of international abductions of children by parents;

Whereas as travel becomes faster and easier, and as multinational marriages become more common, the Convention is more significant than ever;

Whereas on 2 occasions, the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children have convened professionals and experts in international child abduction to examine their experiences with the Convention;

Whereas on both occasions, the participants affirmed their overwhelming commitment to the Convention, but were also unified in the conclusion that there are serious shortcomings in its implementation;

Whereas the shortcomings include—

(1) a lack of awareness by policy makers and the general public of the Convention and of the problem of international child abduction, making the successful resolution of cases more difficult;