

on behalf of my staff who talks to her often, Joelle has been an invaluable asset to make our lives work, to make sure that we are here when we need to be here, and I know how much all of the staff across the street and all of the Members appreciate her worthwhile efforts.

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

Mr. HASTERT. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I want to rise on behalf of all of the Members on this side of the aisle. Joelle works for the majority. She used to work for the minority, and I was in the majority. Joelle and I have switched places. And I have been here 20 years, so I have known Joelle for a long, long time. I think I speak for everybody on our side of the aisle, Mr. Speaker, that she is perhaps not equally, because I do not want to get her in trouble with the majority, but she is very helpful to us, always courteous, always with a good word, always cheerful, and has made this institution a better place.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of us on this side of the aisle, she has operated in a nonpartisan, bipartisan, efficient and effective way to make this institution run better; and we all join, Mr. Speaker, in congratulating her and thanking her for her service to this institution and to her country.

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

Mr. HASTERT. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join the Speaker for taking this time to honor Joelle Rice, who has been of invaluable assistance to so many of us with her warm personality and always willing to be of help. We are going to miss Joelle. She is not only married this year, but now retiring. We wish her health and happiness in her years ahead.

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

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if I may close this and if I may dare speak for the body, Joelle, we wish you God-speed; and in the best spirit of a Texas country western song, let me say, we miss you already, and you are not even gone.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of informing us of next week's schedule, I am pleased to yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the distinguished majority leader.

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, May 1, 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 Member's offices tomorrow. On Tuesday, no recorded votes are expected before 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 2, and Thursday, May 3, the House will consider the following measures, subject to rules: H.R. 10, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act; and H.R. 1088, the Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act.

Mr. Speaker, this week the House and the Senate appointed conferees for the Budget Resolution. Members should be advised that the Budget Resolution Conference Report may become available for consideration in the House at some point next week.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for giving us that information. I understand that the gentleman said that we are going to conference on the budget. We are not sure when it is coming back.

Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman have any guess as to whether, if it comes back, it will come back Wednesday or Thursday?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would continue to yield, obviously we intend to do the Comprehensive Retirement Security Act on Wednesday. That is fairly well scheduled. What we would want the House to do is act on that conference report any day, and I think one would realistically have to expect it may be Thursday before it comes back. Members will be concerned about their travel arrangements; and as has been our convention, Thursday is a day we return to our districts for work. And Thursday we will be out no later than 6 p.m. that evening.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the majority leader, for that information.

#### ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2001, TO TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, April 27, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALL OF PRIVATE CALENDAR ON TUESDAY NEXT

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the

Private Calendar be dispensed with on Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

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

There was no objection.

#### HOUR OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2001

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, for the purpose of receiving in this chamber former Members of Congress.

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

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. PLATTS. 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 Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY PLACES FIRST IN "WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION" COMPETITION

(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, once again students from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, a school in my congressional district, came to Washington, D.C. for an outstanding performance in the national "We the People . . . The Citizens and the Constitution" competition. Our Lady of Lourdes Academy represented Florida proudly, and for the second consecutive year, placed first out of 50 competing schools from every State in the Nation.

I warmly congratulate Katherine Almon, Yvette Cordova, Anna Fedak, Lauren Fernandez, Roxanne Flint, Cristina Garcia, Rebecca Gidel, Jacqueline Koch, Natalie Ladd, Alina Lopez, Stefanie Lopez-Boy, Kristina Maranges, Natalie Merino, Arianne Plasencia, Cristina Rosell, and Elizabeth Velez.

With the help and guidance of their teacher, Rosie Heffernan, these young ladies demonstrated vast knowledge and understanding of U.S. history, as well as the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. Congress join me in commending these