

If I could make just one other comment, Mr. Speaker, and this is not aimed at the gentleman from Ohio but at the Republican leadership in general; I want to express how angry our caucus is about the way the tax reconciliation bill was handled right before the Memorial Day recess.

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Members were kept an additional 2 days here, waiting around for a vote. In fact, I think many know that we were kept waiting all night with a vote promised every hour.

Now, I know these issues are difficult and sometimes they take turns that people do not expect in the negotiation process; and by the way, it would have been nice if the Democrats were invited to have participated in the negotiating process which we were kept from. But having said that, let me just say, the American people were also blocked from any knowledge of what was in the bill that would affect our Nation, perhaps for the next 2 decades. Memorial Day, as everyone knows in this Chamber, is a very special and important time for Members to be in their home districts to honor our Nation's veterans and the activities that surround that honoring.

This is the second time, I will tell the gentleman from Ohio, who may want to relay this to others in the leadership, that this has happened this Congress. We have tried to work with our colleagues in a civil and bipartisan way the best we can, but there is a deep amount of anger about the way this was handled because it was the second time.

I just want the gentleman and the Republican leadership to know that if we are brought into the process, I will say this once again, we will be fine. We will work with our Republican colleagues; we will try to figure this out the best we can. But if we are treated the way we were treated on the tax reconciliation bill, we will be very, very vigorous next time. We want to make sure that the people in this body who serve and represent literally tens of millions of people in this country, hundreds of millions on our side of the aisle, have the opportunity to participate and to know what is going on. It is not meant as something that is going to happen, but I just want the gentleman to know how strongly we feel about this, and I hope my friend from Ohio will share that with the Speaker, with the other leaders of the gentleman's party; and I will do so, especially when I see them, and have done so when I have talked to them already.

Mr. Speaker, we are very serious about this, and we are trying to do this in a reasonable way; but when we are shut out and we do not have a voice and we are kept guessing the way we were leading up to the Memorial Day

recess, we can play that same game and we can tie this place up and we can create a situation that will be totally unpleasant for everybody else in this Chamber. We prefer not to do that, but we do not want it done to us. I will just leave it at that; and I thank my colleague, and I wish him a very happy and a good weekend.

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

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

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I appreciate the gentleman's candor, as usual. I will say that there was frustration, of course, on both sides of the aisle with that process; and many Members who waited for those votes and spent the night in their offices probably felt that same frustration. It was the most comprehensive tax legislation in a couple of decades and there were a lot of complications working with the other body, including members of the gentleman's party. But the point is well taken with regard to the frustration.

We, of course, had hoped that we could have kept to a more tight time schedule. It ended up not being possible, given all the complexities of moving the most comprehensive legislation in this area in a generation. But I appreciate the gentleman's comments and, again, his candor, as usual; and I look forward to trying to better work together in the future on these legislative projects.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

#### HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2001

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, June 8, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 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. PORTMAN. 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.

#### PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M., JUNE 8, 2001, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2052 FACILITATING FAMINE RELIEF EFFORTS AND A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE WAR IN SUDAN

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations have until 5 p.m. tomorrow, June 8, 2001, to file a report to accompany H.R. 2052.

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

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1305

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD) as a cosponsor of H.R. 1305.

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

There was no objection.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 158) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 158

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Government Reform: Mr. Duncan.

Science: Mr. Gilchrest.

Small Business: Mr. Shuster.

Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Ney to rank after Mr. Baker; Mr. Culberson and Mr. Shuster.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### A FOND FAREWELL TO PAGES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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