

the Capitol Grounds. The event is open to the public and free of charge, and the sponsor will assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities related to the event. In addition, sales, advertisements and solicitations are explicitly prohibited on the Capitol Grounds for this event.

The National Book Festival is a 2-day event that will educate promoting the use of libraries and encouraging the joys of reading. On September 7, Friday afternoon, the First Lady will launch the first-ever National Book Festival by connecting with children all across America through satellite hookups, web casting, and/or television. This will be hosted from the Main Reading Room at the Library of Congress for a captivating afternoon reading program.

On September 8, Saturday, the reading celebration continues at the Thomas Jefferson Building and on the Grounds of the United States Capitol. There will be readings by a wide variety of authors, in addition to artists performing American story telling through music, from folk to jazz and blues.

Much of the weekend's festivities are modeled after the First Lady's successfully founded book festival in Texas. The President and the First Lady have been strong advocates of education, especially reading.

I would encourage any of our colleagues who are in town that weekend to attend this event with their young family members, in addition to having Members encourage their constituents who are either visiting Washington or schools in the home district to participate in this important event.

I support the resolution, and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I join the gentleman from Ohio (Chairman LATOURETTE) in support of S. Con. Res. 41, to authorize use of the Capitol Grounds on September 8 for a National Book Festival.

The event, jointly hosted by the Library of Congress and First Lady Laura Bush, is intended to promote the Nation's libraries and celebrate the joys of reading. The event begins on Friday, September 7, at the Library of Congress. Through a satellite hookup, children across the country will have a front row seat in the Library's Main Reading Room to enjoy an interactive reading program. On Saturday, September 8, on the Capitol Grounds, the event will host special activities promoting reading, which include book signings and book readings. The celebration will culminate with a series of performances by well-known artists and authors.

As with all events on the Capitol Grounds, the National Book Festival is

open to the public and is free of charge and has the support of the Joint Committee on the Library. The sponsors of this event will coordinate with the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police.

The Book Festival is a very worthwhile endeavor, and I join the gentleman from Ohio (Chairman LATOURETTE) in supporting the Senate concurrent resolution.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I join Subcommittee Chairman LATOURETTE, Subcommittee Ranking Member COSTELLO, and Chairman YOUNG, in support of this resolution that authorizes use of the Capitol Grounds on Saturday, September 8, for activities associated with the National Book Festival. This is a two-day event hosted jointly by the Library of Congress and First Lady Laura Bush.

On Friday, September 7, children in classrooms and libraries across the country will enjoy an interactive reading session with the First Lady at the Library of Congress through satellite communication. On Friday evening, Members of Congress, recognized authors, publishers, and community leaders will gather in the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building for a performance by leading authors and actors bringing to life memorable American stories.

On Saturday, September 8, on the Capitol Grounds, distinguished authors and actors and national celebrities will treat the public to special readings and book signings. Performances by well-known artists, drawing on the Library's collection of American music, will close the event.

I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in support of the book festival.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of S. Con. Res. 41, and support reading and literacy programs all over this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the First Lady, Laura Bush and her initiative to get our country reading. Reading is fundamental to the development of the nation's young minds. There is no skill that can be attained like reading. Once you have learned to read, you will never stop.

Mr. Speaker, what better place for a festival of books and reading than on the Capitol grounds, the pinnacle of American freedom and what better person to lead the charge than the First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Laura Bush. As a former teacher, no one understands the importance of reading more than Mrs. Laura Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to stand in support of Mrs. Bush and reading by voting for S. Con. Res. 41.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 41.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof)

the rules were suspended and the Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1159

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. Con. Res. 41 and H.R. 819, the measures just considered by the House.

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

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at noon), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1300

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY) at 1 p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2216, 2001 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 171, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 171

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2216) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. The amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall