

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, on April 6, 2005, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 94 (H. Res. 190—Honoring the life and achievements of His Holiness Pope John Paul II and expressing profound sorrow on his death) and 95 (H. Res. 148—Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month).

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 740 and H.R. 742

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 740 and 742. My name was mistakenly added to these bills by the sponsor in place of my colleague, Representative TOM PRICE.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMISSION ON CONGRESSIONAL MAILING STANDARDS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 501(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards:

Mr. NEY, Ohio, Chairman;
Mr. ADERHOLT, Alabama;
Mr. SWENEY, New York;
Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, California;
Mr. HOLT, New Jersey;
Mr. SHERMAN, California.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I take this time for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for the coming week. I yield to the majority leader, Mr. DELAY, for the purposes of informing us of the schedule.

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

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. The House will convene on Tuesday at 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules; a final list of these bills will be sent to the Members' offices by the end of the week.

Any votes called on these measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will convene at 10 a.m. for legis-

lative business. We likely will consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as S. 256, The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005.

In addition, we also plan to consider H.R. 8, the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005.

Finally, I would like to remind all Members that we are finished voting for the week. We will not be in session tomorrow to accommodate Members traveling to Rome for the funeral services of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II.

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

I would ask the majority leader if he knows which days we will be considering bankruptcy and which day we will be considering the estate tax bill? I yield to my friend.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding. We do not know at this point, and we will certainly advise the gentleman when we have that. The problem is because of this shortened week, we have committees that are marking up next week that had planned to mark up this week, and we have to try to work out the schedule so that we can make it as convenient for those markups as possible.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, in any event, both bills will be on the calendar next week?

Mr. DELAY. That is correct. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, with respect to the budget resolution which we have passed, I know the Senate has appointed conferees, but we have not yet appointed conferees. Does the leader know when we might appoint conferees for the budget conference? I yield to the leader.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding.

I am not advised as to when we could go to conference on the budget, possibly next week. I know the House is yet to appoint the conferees, so we have a ways to go before a conference report is completed.

Mr. HOYER. I would ask the majority leader, he is confident that we will have a conference?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, I am confident that we will have a conference. Yes, I am very confident.

Mr. HOYER. One additional question. I presume the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) will be invited to the conference at some point in time, along with others?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is a very good friend of mine, and it would hurt my feelings if we did not invite the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) to the conference.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that assurance. As the gentleman knows, we have had

some problems, at least from our perspective, in being included in the conferences from time to time. That is an important one.

Our citizens are confronting, as my colleague knows, very high gas prices, \$2.20, \$2.30, \$2.50 in some areas of the country. I understand that the committees of jurisdiction are expected to be marking up next week or are in the process of marking up the energy bill. Can the gentleman tell me when that bill might be on the floor?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, the gentleman is correct, and we are all concerned about the higher gas prices and as important as that is to higher prices of oil and gas. We have been trying to pass or get to the President an energy bill for almost 5 years or 6 years. We have an excellent chance of actually getting a bill to the President this year.

We have had three committees scheduled to mark up components of the energy bill this week, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Resources, but due to the shortened week, only one of those was able to begin their markup. I hope, and we are going to work very hard, and I expect that all three of those committees will complete their markups next week, and we will be able to have a comprehensive energy bill on the floor hopefully by the following week.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005, TO FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2005.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005, TO TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, April 8, 2005, that it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, for morning hour debate.

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. DELAY. 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.

SANDY BERGER AND THE "SLOPPY SOCKS SCANDAL"

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, in July 2004, I addressed the Sandy Berger "Sloppy Socks Scandal" here on the floor. At that time, many of the liberals here in Washington said that the former Clinton national security aide had done nothing wrong, that he had not stolen Top Secret documents regarding the Clinton's administration terrorism policies.

Well, today we know the truth. Sandy Berger did indeed steal and destroy Top Secret documents. In fact, it is such a clear case of theft and such a disturbing crime against this Nation that Mr. Berger has pled guilty to taking classified material. He has pled guilty to taking classified materials.

The punishment does not fit the crime. I was stunned to learn that for stealing national secrets and for putting his own interests and that of the Clinton administration above America's war on terrorism, that he will simply have to pay a \$10,000 fine and relinquish his security clearance for 3 years. This is outrageous.

Those of us who are shocked by this outcome will be watching to be sure that no future Democratic administration ever gives Mr. Berger a job in the national security arena again.

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to indicate on rollcall votes that I missed yesterday, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 91; I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 92; I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 93. I was not present because I was unavoidably detained on official business in my district.

CONGRATULATING THE BAYLOR LADY BEARS ON WINNING THE WOMEN'S NCAA NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what more can I say about those Baylor Lady Bears, Baylor as good as green and gold. All of us from the State of Texas applaud the Baylor Bears and their coaches.

Mr. Speaker, I will quickly call off the roll: Number 45, Steffanie Blackmon; No. 24, Tiffanie Blackmon; No. 22, Jordan Davis; No. 5, Chanelle Fox; No. 25, Melanie Hamerly; No. 1, Monique Jones; No. 13, Victoria Jones; No. 51, Emily Niemann; No. 4, Chisa Onoiwu; No. 21, Chameka Scott; No. 20, Angela Tisdale; No. 35, Abiola Wabara; No. 2, Chelsea Whitaker; No. 12, Latoya Wyatt; No. 33, Sophia Young; coaches Kim Mulkey-Robertson, Bill Brock, Johnny Derrick, Jennifer Roberts and Mike Snauffer.

Congratulations to all of them, and we are looking forward to seeing them in Houston, Texas, to be able to honor them.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Baylor University Women's Basketball team on winning their first NCAA title. With a final record of 32-3, the Lady Bears have risen to the challenge and have represented the Big Twelve Conference and the State of Texas with pride. The Lady Bears completed their magical season last night in Championship game by beating Michigan State 84-62.

The Lady Bears are a tremendous team that play as one unit and are led by seniors Chelsea Whitaker and Steffanie Blackmon. I attended the Lady Bears' 68-57 victory over LSU in the Final Four game on Sunday and was particularly excited for junior forward Sophia Young, who scored 21 points in the game, and was named the Tempe Regionals' MVP earlier in the tournament. She scored a game high 26 points in the Championship Game, once again rising to the occasion. As a Member of the House Immigration Subcommittee, I was able to help bring Miss Young's mother, Annie Christopher, from St. Vincent, West Indies to see her daughter play collegiate basketball for the first time. Sophia is a very talented basketball player and I am glad that she was able to take her place as a member of the Baylor basketball team through the U.S. Immigration program. We as a nation embrace talent such as Sophia's athletic gifts and we recognize the value of reuniting families for important moments. After Baylor's latest victory when Sophia was able to hug her mother in the stands, you could see that this is the real face of immigration.

I also want to congratulate Coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson on her great achievements at Baylor. Last night she became the first women's coach to win a championship as a player and coach. She truly deserves all the credit she receives for the job she has done with this talented team. In 2000, she inherited a program that went 7-20 the previous season and in her very first season she guided the Lady Bears to a 21-9 record and last year took Baylor to the Sweet 16. This year the Lady Bears finished their season having won 20 straight games, the longest such streak in college basketball this year.

I am confident that the great fans of Baylor helped carry the Lady Bears to victory throughout the year. This team wasn't the favorite to win the championship when the season began and even throughout the Tournament they were considered the underdog, but they never gave up believing in themselves and in this team. They became only the

fourth team in the history of both men's and women's NCAA basketball to beat three No.1 seeds en route to national title. This team has withstood great challenges, both mental and physical to reach the pinnacle of women's college basketball. This team played with pride and determination and they deserved to finish their season with a victory. With that said, let me congratulate each player and coach of the 2005 Baylor Women's Basketball Team:

45 Steffanie Blackmon P 6-2 SR-3L Dallas, Texas/Rowlett; 24 Tiffanie Blackmon P 6-0 SR-3L Dallas, Texas/Rowlett; 22 Jordan Davis G 5-9 RS JR-2L Celina, Texas/Celina High School; 5 Chanelle Fox G 5-11 RS JR-2L Houston, Texas/Westfield; 25 Melanie Hamerly P 6-5 SR-3L Orange, Texas/Little Cypress-Mauriceville; 1 Monique Jones G 5-9 SO-1L Ferriday, La./Ferriday; 13 Victoria Jones G 5-4 FR-HS San Marcos, Texas/San Marcos HS; 51 Emily Niemann F 6-1 SO-1L Houston, Texas/Westbury Christian; 4 Chisa Onoiwu G 5-7 FR-HS Houston, Texas/Westfield HS; 21 Chameka Scott G 6-0 JR-2L Friendswood, Texas/Clear Brook; 20 Angela Tisdale G 5-5 FR-HS Austin, Texas/Del Valle, HS; 35 Abiola Wabara F 6-0 RS SO-1L Parma, Italy/Liceo Scientifico Marconi; 2 Chelsea Whitaker G 5-9 RS SR-2L Dallas, Texas/Skyline/Virginia; 12 Latoya Wyatt G 5-7 SO-TR Fort Worth, Texas/L.D. Bell HS/McLennan CC; and 33 Sophia Young F 6-1 JR-2L St. Vincent, West Indies/Evangel Christian Academy.

Coaches: Kim Mulkey-Robertson—Head Coach; Bill Brock—Associate Head Coach; Johnny Derrick—Assistant Coach; Jennifer Roberts—Assistant Coach; Mike Snauffer—Graduate Assistant.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING LYNN MCINTYRE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn McIntyre, who is retiring as vice president for university affairs at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California. Rohnert Park is located 40 miles north of San Francisco, across the Golden Gate Bridge in Sonoma County.

In her position as vice president, Lynn has demonstrated great skill and diplomacy in overseeing public media and government relations, university publications and university policies, and several special projects of interest to the university. She is a valued member of the university president's cabinet, advising him on management decisions.

Lynn has had a diverse and varied career in education and banking. She has worked in Somalia. She has served in