

homeland, and for providing local governments and our first responders with the tools and resources they need.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 5441, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2007, which passed the House on Tuesday, June 6. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of this legislation.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-496) on the resolution (H. Res. 857) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4939) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of addressing the schedule with the majority leader for next week. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. BOEHNER. I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, next week the House will convene on Monday at 12:30 for morning hour, and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will have a number of measures considered under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices this afternoon.

Any votes called on those measures will be rolled until 6:30 on Monday evening. Also on Monday, we will consider the rule to H.R. 4939, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery.

We will likely debate the bill Monday night with final passage on Tuesday. For the balance of the week, we will do the Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill on Tuesday and Wednesday. And the resolution on the Global War on Terror and Iraq we expect to be considered on Thursday and probably spilling into Friday morning.

And so I would expect that there will be votes next Friday.

Mr. CROWLEY. I thank the gentleman. I would ask the gentleman, is it 100 percent certain that we will have votes on Friday, or it is still up in the air?

Mr. BOEHNER. It is likely at this point that we will, in fact, have votes on Friday.

Mr. CROWLEY. And if I could ask for further clarification of the schedule for next week, if the majority leader could clarify the sequence of business for next week, we will debate the supplemental conference report on Monday, roll the vote on that measure until Tuesday, and then take up the Transportation, Treasury, HUD bill Tuesday.

Do you expect that bill to be completed on Tuesday? And will the Iraq resolution then be debated on Thursday?

Mr. BOEHNER. I do not expect that the Treasury, Transportation and HUD appropriation bill will be finished on Tuesday. It could be finished on Wednesday, but that will even be a push, especially considering the commitments that Members have on Tuesday evening.

Mr. CROWLEY. How much total time do you expect will be allotted for debate on the Iraq resolution you referenced previously? And which days are you anticipating the debate will take place? And will ranking members and leadership be included in negotiating the text of that resolution?

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Mr. BOEHNER. The resolution is coming together. The Committees on International Relations, Armed Services, and Intelligence, all three of those committees were consulted and worked to put the resolution together. That debate will begin on Thursday morning. And I expect that there will be blocks of time available assigned to all three committees. What the length of that debate is is still uncertain. I would expect it will be at least all day Thursday, and, as I said earlier, could likely consume Friday morning as well.

Mr. CROWLEY. If I can, I just have one last question. In reference to the work that is being engaged on right now on developing the language for the resolution on Iraq, is that being done in a bipartisan way? Are ranking members on those committees also participating in that?

Mr. BOEHNER. We consult with the committees. How the chairmen and ranking members relate to each other is above my pay grade.

Mr. CROWLEY. I thank the gentleman for his clarification and for his honesty.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006, AND HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next for morning hour debate; and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, for morning hour debate.

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. BOEHNER. 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.

HONORING THE HOUSE PAGES

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like the pages to come on down and join me in the well of the Chamber, please. If you could fill in the seats in these first two rows and try to stay in the central part if you can.

Well, I have had the great privilege over many years, some people would say a great curse, but I would say great privilege, to be chairman of the page board for now a good handful of number of years. And so I have been able to experience this time in thanking the pages a couple times now and it is never easy. It is never the thing you want to do, but it is the thing that we all learn in life, that life goes on.

We as Members of the House want to thank you for your service first and foremost. You are an integral part of what we do here, and as we have said to many of you when we welcomed you here months ago, you have a unique opportunity to see the inner workings of the House of Representatives, an opportunity that I am sure many people would pay to do, but you do it as a service rendered to your country.

Hopefully, we at the Federal level continue to support this program, not just so you at this moment and this time of your life see how we operate and what we do, but then we do believe that somewhere in the future you will continue in this public service part of your experience to help make the world and our country a better place. And whether that is involved in partisan politics, which I think is an honorable cause, or that is running for office yourself or being a good voter, being somewhat involved in the process, being concerned about your local community, it really takes individuals to step up to be leaders. And you really cannot be a member involved in the page program and not experience all those aspects about commitment to the government, to your country and as service to other people.

So thank you for what you have done. To highlight that for future generations, I am going to submit the list of the page program for the year 2005 to the Clerk so that it gets placed into the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD from now on so when you have children or grandchildren and they ask you what you did as juniors in high school, you can say, oh, I was a page. And they would say, no, you were not. And you say, check the RECORD, there is my name.

Mr. Speaker, the following is the list of the page program for 2005–2006:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 2005–2006
PAGES

1. Stephen Archer (NY)
2. Arielle Askren (OR)
3. John Atsalis (NH)
4. Katelyn Baird (FL)
5. Jack Barnhill (MI)
6. John Bell (SC)
7. Katie Bellantone (IL)
8. Vitaliy Benz (AL)
9. Adam Brault (MA)
10. Elizabeth Breen (CA)
11. Phoebe Brosnan (VA)
12. Sarah Brehm (MN)
13. Susan Carr (PA)
14. Sara Dillion (CT)
15. Rachel Douglas (PA)
16. Michelle Elkins (CA)
17. Linwood Fields (TX)
18. Stephanie Fleming (MO)
19. Robert Forsythe (WI)
20. William French, Jr. (VA)
21. Kelly Freund (PA)
22. Richard Frohlichstein (MO)
23. Jeanette Garcia (NY)
24. Elizabeth Gartzke (FL)
25. Chelsea Goldstein (MD)
26. Jorge Granillo (TX)
27. Christopher Guizlo (KS)
28. Travis Hargett (OH)
29. Shataya Hawley (NJ)
30. John Hayes (KY)
31. Steven Henderson (NC)
32. Sieglinde Hindrichs (VA)
33. Nathaniel Hutcheson (FL)
34. Lap Huynh (CA)
35. Eric Imhof (VA)
36. Sergio Jimenez (AZ)
37. Ellen Johnson (WI)
38. Taylor Krebs (OH)
39. Henna Mahmood (NY)
40. Hannah Marrs (CA)
41. Jenna Matecki (IL)
42. Emily Medcalf (CA)
43. Ryan McHenry (WI)
44. Frank Moran (MA)
45. Mary Ellen Nocero (NY)
46. Elliot Osgood (CT)
47. Jody Owens (NC)
48. Liliana Pereira (NJ)
49. Mary Jo Pham (MA)
50. Michelle Ramirez (AZ)
51. Ivette Rios (AZ)
52. Alixe Ryan (LA)
53. Joseph Schmitz (NE)
54. Matthew Sheppard (FL)
55. Stephanie Shifalo (MS)
56. Saul Spady (WA)
57. Andrea Spencer (AZ)
58. Christopher Stergalas (MI)
59. Travis Trawick (TX)
60. Nancy Waters (WA)
61. John Vance (TX)
62. Michaela Wilkes Klein (MD)

Mr. Speaker, with every farewell there is always the good times of telling stories and remembering friendships.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SHIMKUS. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Let me just add some accolades. But first of all, I want to commend first my friend and colleague from Illinois, Representative SHIMKUS, for the tremendous dedication and service and leadership that he has provided to the page program as its chairman. But let me also commend and congratulate all of you for the tremendous service that you have provided. Many of us make use of your skills, make use of your energy, of your legs, your ability to go from one place to the other and bring things, but I am amazed at the number of people that I have met here who are now Members of this body who at one time served as pages.

So I suspect that in the future we will see some of you here as Members from the community where you live and perhaps we will even see one of you sitting in the big chair up in the White House.

Congratulations to all of you. Thank you so much for your service.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, Mr. DAVIS from Chicago, but I am a legislator and I believe that the big chair is the Speaker's chair. So I am an article I guy, not an article II guy.

But having said that, with living and working and sweating and being together for all these opportunities, there are some very important historical events that have occurred here and I said that when you came in. I am not sure what they will be, but here in Washington there is always something that happens that is unexpected. Like surviving the Page Plague I, where it was hard for us to find a page because you were all sick. And then we had at the second semester, mini-Page Plague which affected a good number of folks. I see my friend JIM KOLBE here, but maybe we can take some lessons here on bird flu and epidemics based upon studying the page class and how they survived the illnesses.

You got to attend a State of the Union address, and probably it is historical in the fact that we had so many, four, joint sessions of Congress with leaders from around the world, just most recently the President of Latvia, but the President of Liberia, the Prime Minister of Italy and the Prime Minister of Israel. All very momentous occasions.

You all really being in tune to the current cultural climate have been able to observe and participate in many of the celebrity sightings that occur here which is always a challenge as we work around here because we really do not want you trying to seek out these celebrities but somehow you know where they are at and where they are going. Like Dave Chappell or

Chuck Norris, Queen Latifa, Glenn Close, George Lucas, Bono, I pronounced it right, Jessica Simpson, and of course we cannot forget Brangelina. I read this and I said, Brangelina? And they followed up as they knew I was going to say this. For those of you who do not know, like me, that is Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

Some of you had the opportunity to see numerous cities, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, to name a few; and then there was the black-out in the Capitol. Always momentous. And then I still cannot get true clarification of what occurred, but there was something about being locked out of the page cage for some reason. But Ms. Ivester and Miss Sampson, they are around here keeping an eye on you, would not elaborate on it any further, protecting you. All I could get from them was some mumbling and shaking their heads and walking away without comment.

I know you all had a great time on your prom. I didn't know I was that powerful, but I was able to make sure that we had no votes that day so all you young ladies could spend all the hours you needed to get prepared for the prom event.

Being a page is a special program. We love having you here. We know you are going to do great things in the future. It is a great investment that we make. But we also understand that you are high school juniors, and that balance between adulthood and adolescence, there are trials and tribulations, but you all have performed well.

One of the worst things that I have to do as the head of the page board is the disciplinary actions, and it is great for me to say that you all have stuck together and I haven't been able to exercise the full force of my authority and that you are to be commended for that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. JIM KOLBE, who has always had a great relationship with the page program. I appreciate his mentorship and this will be his last farewell also.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding. And I get the chance tonight at your quasi-graduation, your finishing exercise, tonight to say a few more words to you so I will save most of the thoughts I have, which probably are not terribly profound anyhow, until this evening.

I did want to be here on the floor. I think it is appropriate, as a matter of fact, that this is the last time I will speak to you and the last vote that you got to see was on Congressman KOLBE's appropriations bill for foreign operations. So you can say the last set of votes the last day was spent on the floor with Congressman KOLBE in the debate on the bill that he was responsible for.

It has been a great pleasure. It gives me an added sentimental value to this occasion.

I think most of you know that I have a special relationship with the page program that stems from the fact that I started as a page. Albeit as some of you know it was over on that other side in that other body over there, but you will forgive me for that. At that time it was really run as one single program.

I have to say that the page experience, as you can probably tell from where I am standing today, is one of those things, those experiences that had a profound change on my life. But having started here as a page, I promised Peggy and Miss Ivester and the others that I would not tell you all the stories about the things that I did, that we did as a page. So I promised not to tell you the story about how we hauled the English teacher's Volkswagen bug up the steps of the Library of Congress and planted it in the middle of the platform up there. And I promised not to tell you about the story of how we faked the suicide of one of the pages jumping from the balcony and there was a page spread out down below.

Mr. SHIMKUS. If the gentleman would yield, you would not have survived my mentorship as the chairman of the page board.

Mr. KOLBE. There was no question that almost all of us in the page program would not have survived the mentorship.

I promised not to tell you those kinds of things. Fortunately, it is on your last day anyhow, so you are probably not going to find time to do too many of those things today.

The gentleman from Illinois was talking about the celebrity sightings. Some people would think there are celebrities enough here in the House of Representatives and in the Senate and with all the joint sessions that we have. But I remember not too long ago when I had that actor. What's his name? Oh, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie down in my office down below here on the first floor just below the Chamber here.

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When I finished the meeting and came out, there were a bunch of secretaries and few pages there with their cameras, and I thought, wonderful, they want pictures of me. But no, none of them were interested at all in having a picture with me. It was this actor and actress that were there.

So I guess we know that really Members of Congress are pretty second-rate when it comes to celebrity sightings, and sometimes maybe we are just a little bit of chopped liver.

But I do want to say to you that this experience obviously is one that you may not realize it now, but you are going to carry away with you some

very important things, some things that will change your life in ways that you probably cannot even imagine right now.

It does not mean that all of you are going into politics, because probably only a handful of you might. As a matter of fact, in my graduating class at the page school, we went all the way through high school in those days. In my graduating class, I am the only one that ultimately stayed in elective politics.

But there, it does not matter. This experience will make a difference to you. It will make a difference not only in your school and make a difference not only in the way you look on things and events in the world, but hopefully will make you more of a citizen of the world and a citizen of the United States, and I think this is the important thing.

Many people ask us why do we continue this program. Let us face it. We could do this a lot easier with a lot less expense if we just contracted out and hired some people to serve as messengers, but year after year, the Congress of the United States supports this program for young men and women, and through the course of the more than 150, or really almost 200 years, several thousand young men and women like you have come through this program and had this experience because we think it makes a difference, and we think that your experience becomes the experience of the future leaders of the United States.

So I hope that whatever you do when you go back, you will think about this program, and, of course, you will think about your friends, the friendships you have made here and you will maintain those friendships and you will come back for your reunions. You always come back for the first year reunion, 5-year reunion, 10-year reunion. It is wonderful to have these friendships, but you will also remember what you learned here and you will incorporate into your daily lives and into the thinking of whatever you do, if you are in business, if you become a physician, if you become a lawyer, if you become a teacher. All of these things will be valuable to you.

So you have had a rare, rare experience, and I hope that you can appreciate that. But I want to say now in closing how much we appreciate what you do. You make our lives just a little bit easier every day. You are the grease that makes the wheel go round without squeaking quite so much, and sometimes we take it for granted and we do not realize how much of a difference that you make in our lives and the work of this body.

So it is my great privilege to be here to say thank you to you for the wonderful job that you have done for us, and I hope that I will see many of you in the years ahead, that we will stay in

touch and I will follow your career, your successful careers in business, but most important, in your lives with your families and with the people that you interact with. God bless you all and God bless America.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague for his comments, and every time JIM KOLBE speaks, as you have heard in the last comments at the end of the appropriation bill, the Foreign Ops bill in which Members from both sides, especially the Democrats, talked about his integrity, his commitment, his honesty, and those are comments from the heart, and you will get to hear him one more time at the graduation ceremony.

I bring you thanks from all the folks who you have worked with, the dorm staff, the school staff and of course, the floor staff here who are always well represented in keeping track of where you are.

Thank you for keeping track of each other during this time. Thank you for keeping each other safe and being friends to those who needed friends at that time, and thanks for keeping each other out of trouble. Those things that you have learned during this time, let us hope that you carry them on with you, that you will just make this world a better place.

So thank you. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. We appreciate your service.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California). 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 CONSTABLE DALE GEDDIE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today with a heavy heart. A constituent of mine, Smith County Constable Dale Geddie, was shot to death in Smith County and Deputy Daniel Leon was injured Wednesday morning as they responded to a domestic disturbance dispute call just outside Tyler, Texas.

Tyler deputies called for backup that morning, and Dale responded the same way he had his whole life, by getting to the scene as quickly as possible, without regard for his personal safety or what might be waiting for him at the scene.

Having known Constable Geddie well and understanding what a crucial role he played in his community, it is understandable, Mr. Speaker, that the