

this with the chairman of the Subcommittee on Trade, it is a non-controversial addition that has been placed on it by the Senate, and I do not object.

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

Mr. RANGEL. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking minority member of our distinguished trade subcommittee for his comments and would remind colleagues that this already cleared the House on a bipartisan basis. The only thing that the Senate did was modify the House language in a specific way noting that Cambodia has made progress toward democratic rule and is striving to rebuild its economy. The amendment finds that expanding our bilateral trade relations may promote further progress by Cambodia on human rights and democracy and may assist that country in adopting regional and world trading principles. Given its progress already, I would urge my colleagues to support passage of this important legislation.

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I support the gentleman from Illinois, and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1642.

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

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY], the distinguished majority leader, to inquire of the schedule for the remainder of the week and next week.

Before I yield, I would like to pose a question as well to the leader. We on this side of the aisle have repeatedly requested that you schedule a vote on House Resolution 288, a resolution commending the U.S. Armed Forces for carrying out the military mission in Iraq.

As you know, the Senate passed this resolution by a vote of 96 to 1 on September 5. I do not note that it is scheduled for the week. I do not believe it has been scheduled for next week. We have heard from staff that it will not be scheduled. We believe that the House

should act as we traditionally do after a military engagement. I think we should act, as the Senate has, to support our Armed Forces. That is really all the resolution does. I am once again asking if the leader would schedule a vote immediately on this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the majority leader for any response he wants to give.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding. I do not know whether the two gentlemen, the gentleman from Pennsylvania and the gentleman from California, would prefer that I let you have your colloquy and then we go to the schedule.

Mr. FAZIO of California. This is related to the schedule if the gentleman has any response. Otherwise I could yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. ARMEY. It seems that I might be able to more neatly conduct my business of announcing the schedule. If the two of you gentlemen want to have a bit of a colloquy, go ahead and have that first.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I would be interested in whatever comment the gentleman from Pennsylvania, a member of the Committee on Armed Services, has.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. I thank my colleague and friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as a senior member of the Committee on National Security and chair of one of the subcommittees, I understand the gentleman's concern about having a vote on this floor and very frankly I agree with him, but I have a great deal of concern with the Senate resolution in light of the actions that have taken place over the past several days. In fact, in a recently adjourned House Committee on National Security meeting where I asked Chairman FLOYD SPENCE if he or Vice Chairman RON DELLUMS have been briefed on what is occurring now, they both replied no. I questioned the chairman of the Committee on International Relations, BEN GILMAN, and he has not been briefed. Chairman LIVINGSTON has not been briefed.

We have a President announcing that we are sending F-117 planes to the base in Kuwait because we cannot base them in Saudi Arabia and now Saddam Hussein is saying by basing them in Kuwait, that is in fact Kuwait declaring an act of war against Iraq.

These are situations that require under the War Powers Act this body to be consulted with. That, in fact, is not taking place. In face the U.N. resolution which authorizes us there in the first place in fact requires this President to abide by that resolution.

To my dear friend and colleague, I say we have to have a vote but not on the Senate resolution. This body needs to vote on whether or not we support this President and what he is doing with our troops right now. I am going to demand that next week and I will be

glad to support my colleague but not with a Senate resolution and giving this President the authority to put our people in harm's way with no plan. That is my question to my friend.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the leader would want to associate himself with the position taken by the Member in the well.

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield further, let me, Mr. Speaker, just predicate my remarks on the schedule by responding to the gentleman from California.

If the gentleman from California will continue to yield, it is very clear, it seems to most of us, that current events have outpaced the resolution on Iraq passed by the Senate last week. It is not likely that the House will bring the resolution passed last week up for a vote. While I say that, let me say, Mr. Speaker, that I am sure I speak for every Member of this body when I say the House of Representatives stands in support of our men and women in uniform everywhere they may be stationed in the world and that our support for men and women in this area of the world is of particular interest to us today.

Having made those comments, I would just say that the leadership has not had brought to its attention from any of the relevant committees in the House that might initiate a resolution related to current events in Iraq, a resolution that they would have us to bring to the floor.

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At this point, we have nothing in leadership under consideration to bring to the floor on that subject.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, and I appreciate the candid response, it seems to me totally inappropriate for us to allow events that may be taking place even as we speak to get in the way of an effort to resolve as a group, bipartisanly, that we want to support the American men and women who are engaged in this conflict. It seems to me that is a minimum thing.

We may want to talk about other aspects of this. We are in the middle of a political campaign. But this is a bottom line request, and I know the leader has brought other matters to the floor without a direct committee jurisdiction. So I guess I would still hope that he would reconsider that decision, let us get this behind us, and move on to other issues.

I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I find it incredible that we might stall a vote for support of our troops that may or may not be in harm's way, but are clearly flying at this time missions of risk, and we would stall that based upon whether or not Saddam Hussein believes this is an