

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING AMOUNTS FOR EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-74) on the resolution (H. Res. 107) providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 104th Congress, which was reported to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 999, WELFARE REFORM CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 1995

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities may have until 5 p.m. today to file a late report on H.R. 999, the Welfare Reform Consolidation Act of 1995.

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

There was no objection.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that last evening I was not recorded on rollcall vote No. 226. I voted in the affirmative. I was on the House floor. I put my card in the machine; I saw the light go on. I did not remember to check whether it had recorded on the board, and I regret the fact that it did not record, but I am absolutely certain I voted.

I have been a long-time advocate of malpractice reform. I support the cap, and I regret that my vote was not recorded in rollcall 226 but I would have voted "aye."

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I inquire of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for next week.

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

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

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 13, the House will meet in proforma session at 2 p.m. There will be no votes on Monday.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. There will be no votes until 5 p.m. We expect to consider eight bills under suspension of the rules. If any votes are called on these bills, they will be held over until 5 p.m.

The following bills are scheduled for consideration under suspension of the rules on Monday:

H.R. 402, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Amendments Act;

H.R. 421, the Cook Inlet Region Purchase of Common Stock Act;

H.R. 715, the Sea of Okhotsk Fisheries Enforcement Act of 1995;

H.R. 531, the Great Western Scenic Trail Designation Act;

H.R. 694, the Minor Boundary Adjustments and Miscellaneous Park Amendments Act;

H.R. 562, the Walnut Canyon National Monument Modification Act of 1995;

H.R. 536, the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area Vehicle Operation Fees Act; and

H.R. 517, the Chacoan Outliers Protection Act of 1995.

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On Wednesday, the House will meet at 11 a.m. to take up House Resolution 107, the committee funding resolution. We expect to complete the resolution and then move to consideration of H.R. 1158 and H.R. 1159, the fiscal year 1995 emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions legislation, subject to a rule.

On Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. to complete the supplemental and rescission package. It is our hope to have Members on their way home to their districts and their families by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

I would remind Members that the House will not be in session next Friday or on the following Monday due to the district work period.

On the following Tuesday, March 21, we do not expect votes to be held before 5 p.m. If there is any change in this schedule we will notify Members as soon as possible to allow you to finalize your travel plans at the earliest possible date.

Mr. BONIOR. I would ask my friend from Texas, do you expect to have votes on any of these suspension bills that the gentleman listed on Tuesday?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, of course votes are possible on any of them. We cannot predict at this time whether or not there will be votes, so Members should be advised that we expect votes after 5 o'clock on Tuesday next.

Mr. BONIOR. The reason I ask is these are the same bills that we had in the last Congress. They were so far as I know completely noncontroversial and passed without any objections to them last Congress. And they are the only business we are going to have on Tuesday. On votes, I think we might want to consider whether we want to go ahead with the votes on Tuesday on these measures which appear to be very noncontroversial, but I just raise that as something for my friend to consider.

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

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

Mr. VOLKMER. Briefly on that, I remember back when we had things like this come up, a lot of things, we would roll the votes to the next day when we had a pretty good idea we were not going to have votes or very many votes, and if we are just going to come back here on Tuesday and there are really not going to be any votes after all, I just do not understand it. And the other thing, it does not appear on Wednesday that we are going to be having a real heavy schedule.

Mr. BONIOR. Well, it is my understanding what the majority would like to do is deal with the committee funding bill.

Mr. VOLKMER. That is probably an hour.

Mr. BONIOR. And it is possible to roll the votes, and I would hope my friends on the other side of the aisle would consider that.

May I also ask the majority leader what time for the last votes on Tuesday and Wednesday? Any sense of that?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, obviously this is a very important piece of legislation. We want to make sure that we can set our timing to as much as possible assure Members of their 3 o'clock departure on Thursday. We should be prepared to go late on both Tuesday and Wednesday night, and of course we would go no later than what we think is necessary to guarantee that 3 o'clock departure.

Mr. BONIOR. If we are only going to do the suspensions on Tuesday, what would necessitate us to go late Tuesday evening?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, the gentleman's point is well taken. Tuesday night may not necessarily be such a late night, but Wednesday night we should be prepared.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my colleague for his information on that.

I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DOGGETT. I was wondering about our procedure this next week. Under the new open rules under the Contract With America, when we took up the law enforcement block grants there were at least 10 Members who were denied the right to offer an amendment. On national security there were at least eight Members who were denied an opportunity to offer an amendment. On the regulatory moratorium there were at least 15 Members who were denied the opportunity to offer an amendment. On risk assessment there were a mere three Members including myself and a Republican colleague who were denied the opportunity to offer an amendment. On the takings legislation, two Members, at least two Members were denied the opportunity to offer an amendment.

This week the numbers went up dramatically, four on attorney accountability, three on securities litigation. But 60 specific amendments, germane