

leave their jobs, they move from their apartments when they are accepted into the program. So I would urge my colleagues to support this bill to extend the au pair program and stop the uncertainty facing many American families.

I understand there is greater uncertainty facing a greater number of families that I would hope we could deal with as well, but there is no reason to object to this legislation, and I would urge its consideration and passage.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, let me inquire, do I understand this is a unanimous-consent request where you are asking everyone in good faith, in goodwill, to permit you to take up this measure to continue a statute that is about to expire; is that right?

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, the gentleman is correct. It is a unanimous-consent request because it does expire on the 30th of this month.

Mr. DOGGETT. The gentleman from Maryland, just before you arose, was asking for the same type of good faith and goodwill with regard to the standard procedure in this body when we recess, giving other Members an opportunity to get up on special orders and have their say with reference to what is occurring here.

I am wondering if we could have any more guidance as to whether, when we complete this measure, we will have that opportunity, if we showed good faith and goodwill with reference to this unanimous consent request, if there will be an opportunity for Members on both sides of the aisle to have their say this afternoon about some of the things that are occurring here, or whether we are to be muzzled.

Mr. GILMAN. If the gentleman would yield, I regret that I cannot speak for the leadership with regard to the special orders.

Mr. DOGGETT. You are going to inquire about that?

Mr. GILMAN. I think the inquiry was made, and if the gentleman would further yield, I believe the inquiry was made and the majority leader said he would get back to us with the answer.

Mr. DOGGETT. That is what I am concerned about, through he is an amicable fellow and a fellow Texan, I do not know what he means by that. He may mean never.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DOGGETT. I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleague from Texas in making a similar kind of inquiry. The normal procedure has been that when we do go into recess, that we all, in a bipartisan way, on both sides of the

aisle, have the opportunity to go into special orders; and sometimes we have a dialog amongst all of us, and sometimes we just share the time. But it would seem to me that that is the procedure that we ought to follow here so that in fact we are not sitting around here doing nothing while we are waiting for the opportunity to come back and find out what the rest of the schedule is going to be, and that people in the peoples House have that opportunity to make known their concerns, their interests, and take this time, which I think we all agree is used usefully on behalf of both parties.

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, because I want it crystal-clear on the record that I want special orders tonight. I have an hour on Bosnia; some of your Members are going to join me, and if you would like to form some kind of unofficial ad hoc committee of three, I will join you in the name of freedom of speech. I was in the minority for 16 years.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman who has often utilized that freedom of speech to provide some of the more interesting special orders here, and perhaps as we carry on this reservation with some discussion about the implications of doing this, you can get some indication from your leadership whether both sides will have that opportunity.

Mr. DORNAN. Form an ad hoc committee. I have the key to the Speaker's door, and we will go down and see him.

Mr. DOGGETT. He has never given me that key, but I invite your doing that, because I think there are going to be some other people that want to be heard on my reservation, and I cannot yield the floor on this point, but I think we will be here long enough to give you time to get some answer.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DOGGETT. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I have been listening with great interest to the gentleman's reservation, and I think he is making an excellent point, and I am pleased to see this Doggett-Dornan alliance.

Mr. DOGGETT. It is the second time this week, although Mr. DORNAN may not know it.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, since you have to stay here, I would hope that maybe Mr. DORNAN would take his key and go find his leadership. I do not think anyone over here has a key, but if he could go find his leadership, that would be very, very helpful. Maybe he can come back and a lot of us can keep talking about how bad it is that we are constantly gagged over here, and one more time, we are going to be gagged if the gentleman from California cannot find them.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Regular order is demanded.

Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. DOGGETT. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members can no longer reserve the right to object on the request for regular order.

Members must object or not object.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. DOGGETT. In that regard then, if I am no longer able to do my reservation and I make objection at this time, will the gentleman be able to make his unanimous consent request again later in the day?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair can entertain that request later if the gentleman is withdrawing his reservation.

Mr. DOGGETT. No; I am not withdrawing. I am going to make an objection, if that is the case.

I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINGSTON). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. BENTSEN. Under the rules of the House, is only one Member allowed to reserve the right to object to a unanimous-consent request?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Any Member may demand regular order. At that point, the Chair must put the unanimous-consent request to the office immediately.

Mr. BENTSEN. So a demand for regular order is superior to a reservation of a right to object?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

The gentleman from Texas has objected.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I have a unanimous-consent request.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1845. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting the semiannual report on