

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 856

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 856.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Pease). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

SEPTEMBER 4, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash-
ington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Effective immediately I do hereby resign my assignment on the Committee on the Budget to take a new assignment on the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

Sincerely,

BRAD SHERMAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COM-
MITTEE ON BANKING AND FI-
NANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 221) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 221

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and that they are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

To the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, the following Member: Brad Sherman of California.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO]?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 ask for this time in order to inquire from my friend and distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HASTERT], what the schedule for next week would be.

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

Mr. FAZIO of California. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce we have concluded our legisla-

tive business for the week. The House will meet on Monday, September 8, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour, and at 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that no recorded votes will be held before 7 p.m. on Monday night.

Just after 2 p.m. on Monday, the House will consider the following three suspensions: H.R. 976, the Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 1997; H.R. 700, a bill regarding the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; and we will take up the Senate amendment to H.R. 1866, Need-Based Educational Aid Antitrust Protection Act of 1997.

In consultation with the minority, we have agreed to resume consideration of amendments to title I of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill on Monday evening. Debate will be between 6 and 10 that evening. As I mentioned earlier, we do not expect any votes until 7 p.m. on Monday, September 8.

On Tuesday, September 9 and the remainder of the week, the House will consider the following bills, both of which will be subject to a rule: H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1998; and H.R. 2378, Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1998.

Mr. Speaker, meeting times for next week are as follows: On Tuesday, September 9, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning hour and 10 a.m. for legislative business; on Wednesday, September 10, and Thursday September 11, the House will meet at 10 a.m. There will be no legislative business and no votes on Friday, September 12.

Mr. Speaker, next Wednesday, September 10, the White House will be hosting the annual congressional picnic. Members should be assured that we will have our last vote by approximately 6 p.m. that evening, so Members and their families can join the festivities.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, let me ask the gentleman, that date of September 10 is also the date at which time the ethics moratorium, most recent, expires. Would the gentleman indicate to us whether he believes the ethics reform package is going to be brought to the full House next week, or will there be some effort to extend that ongoing moratorium?

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, at this time we are having discussions within our conference. I am not prepared to answer that either yes or no. By early next week we should make a valid decision on that.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Would the gentleman give us the latest status of the rule on the commerce bill? I understand there is that very contentious issue of the census and the method by which it is taken. Is there a current encouragement that we will have a rule that can be broadly supported on that bill?

Mr. HASTERT. There is a hearing today, but they have not made a final

decision on that bill. We expect them to take final action either Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, if I might ask a couple of questions, one is, my understanding is that with respect to the current appropriations bill that is under consideration, on Monday we will only do title I. Hopefully, we will finish title I.

If for some reason we finish title I early, title II and title III will be carried over and will be begun on Tuesday; is that right?

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, the agreement we have and that we will follow is we will do title I and hold over other titles until Tuesday.

Mr. MILLER of California. If I might ask another question, once again absent from the agenda is any reference to campaign finance reform. Can the gentleman tell us what might be suggested there for either next week or the remainder of the session?

Mr. HASTERT. I am not prepared at this time to tell the gentleman. We have no definite answer to that specific question.

Mr. MILLER of California. If the gentleman would continue to yield, I would just want to say that in that case, Members should expect to have a continuation of procedural and other votes being called throughout next week in an effort to try and get the leadership to tell us when and how they are going to address campaign finance reform before we adjourn.

So Members ought to expect that some of those votes may come without notice.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Reclaiming my time, I yield to the gentleman from Texas, the majority whip, [Mr. DELAY].

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF MOTHER
TERESA

Mr. DELAY. I was just informed that Mother Teresa passed away. I would ask that we suspend for a moment of silence in the memory of Mother Teresa, who has done so much for so many people around the world.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will rise. The House will recognize the passing of Mother Teresa with a moment of silence.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS
REGARDING TERRORIST BOMB-
ING IN JERUSALEM ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 146) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist bombing in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.