

Frelinghuysen	Luther	Rodriguez
Furse	Maloney (CT)	Roemer
Ganske	Maloney (NY)	Rogan
Gejdenson	Manton	Rothman
Gephardt	Markey	Roukema
Gilman	Martinez	Royal-Allard
Gordon	Matsui	Rush
Goss	McCarthy (MO)	Sabo
Greenwood	McCarthy (NY)	Sanders
Gutierrez	McGovern	Sanford
Hall (OH)	McHale	Sawyer
Hamilton	McIntyre	Saxton
Hastings (FL)	McKinney	Scarborough
Hefner	Meehan	Schumer
Hilleary	Meek (FL)	Schuster
Hinchey	Meeks (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Holden	Menendez	Serrano
Hooley	Miller (CA)	Shays
Horn	Minge	Sherman
Hoyer	Mink	Skaggs
Jackson (IL)	Moakley	Slaughter
Johnson (CT)	Mollohan	Smith (NJ)
Johnson (WI)	Moran (VA)	Smith, Adam
Kanjorski	Morella	Snyder
Kaptur	Murtha	Spratt
Kelly	Nadler	Stabenow
Kennedy (MA)	Neal	Stark
Kennedy (RI)	Neumann	Stokes
Kennelly	Obey	Strickland
Kildee	Olver	Tauscher
Kilpatrick	Ortiz	Thompson
Kind (WI)	Owens	Tierney
Kleczka	Pallone	Torres
Klink	Pappas	Towns
Klug	Pascarell	Velazquez
Kucinich	Pastor	Vento
LaFalce	Paul	Visclosky
Lampson	Pelosi	Walsh
Lantos	Petri	Wamp
LaTourette	Porter	Waxman
Lazio	Portman	Weldon (PA)
Leach	Poshard	Wexler
Levin	Price (NC)	Weygand
Lewis (GA)	Quinn	White
LoBiondo	Ramstad	Woolsey
Lofgren	Reyes	Wynn
Lowey	Rivers	Yates

## NOT VOTING—48

Ballenger	Edwards	Millender-
Becerra	Ford	McDonald
Berry	Frost	Miller (FL)
Bonilla	Gonzalez	Parker
Boucher	Green	Payne
Brown (FL)	Hansen	Pomeroy
Bryant	Harman	Rangel
Cannon	Hinojosa	Rogers
Cardin	Houghton	Royce
Christensen	Jackson-Lee	Sanchez
Clay	(TX)	Smith (TX)
Coburn	Jefferson	Waters
Conyers	Johnson, E. B.	Watkins
Cook	Lipinski	Watt (NC)
Cooksey	McCollum	Wicker
Cunningham	McDermott	Young (AK)
DeLay	McNulty	

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The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. Edwards for, with Mr. Green against.

Mr. FOLEY and Mr. CRAPO changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So the bill was not passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Small Business:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 27, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the House Committee on Small Business.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BALDACCI,  
Member of Congress.

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

There was no objection.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 400) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 400

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 International Relations: Lois Capps of California.

To the Committee on Science: Lois Capps of California.

To the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: John Baldacci of Maine; Marion Berry of Arkansas.

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 yield to the gentleman from Texas for the announcement of the schedule for next week.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce we have concluded legislative business for the week. The House will next meet on Monday, March 30, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that we do not expect any recorded votes before 6 p.m. next Monday.

On Monday, we will consider the following bills under suspension of the rules: House Resolution 398, a resolution urging the President to provide three Blackhawk helicopters to the Colombian National Police to eliminate the production of illicit drugs; H.R. 2186, a bill to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming; H.R. 3113, the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998; H.R. 2574, a bill to consolidate certain mineral interests in North Dakota; H.R. 2686, the Iran Missile Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 3485, the Campaign Reform and

Election Integrity Act, the Illegal Foreign Contributions Act, the Paycheck Protection Act, and the Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act.

On Tuesday, March 31, the House will meet at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, April 1, the House will meet at 10 a.m. to consider the following legislation:

The 1998 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, H.R. 10, the Financial Services Competition Act of 1997, and H.R. 2400, the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997.

□ 1415

Mr. Speaker, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by the evening of Wednesday, April 1. As with the start of any district work period, it is difficult to predict an exact getaway time, but I imagine we should be done with our work by 6 or 8 o'clock on April 1.

Thursday, April 2, marks the beginning of the spring district work period from which the House will return on Tuesday, April 21. We expect recorded votes to be after 5 o'clock on that day.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to discuss the funeral arrangements for our late colleague from New Mexico, Steve Schiff. A ceremony will be held on Monday, March 30, at 10 o'clock a.m. in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A funeral delegation is scheduled to leave the House steps at 6 o'clock a.m. and return to the House steps at 5:45 p.m. Members desiring to attend the funeral services should contact the Sergeant at Arms office.

I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I would inquire of the leader, are we expected to have any late nights next week, and how late would we go on Monday night?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for your inquiry. If the gentleman will yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, we should expect that we could conclude our business between 7 and 8 on Monday night, and Tuesday night we might be prepared to go late in order to accommodate a completion of work on Wednesday evening.

Mr. FAZIO of California. If I can reclaim my time and ask of the leader, is there a commitment to complete H.R. 10, the Financial Services Act, before we go into recess?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman. Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. Yes, we intend to consider that on Tuesday of next week. Completed.

Mr. FAZIO of California. In addition, if I could ask of the leader, the Speaker has promised a vote on campaign finance reform by the end of March. I note that we have what appear to be four individual bills; I do not know the content of all of them. But is this the

fulfillment of that commitment? Are we finished with campaign finance reform when we vote on the four bills that seem to be, at least in the past, part of one campaign finance reform bill?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. Next Monday is March 31, and we do have the four bills that we indicated will be up on suspension. That does include the large bill that the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS') committee reported out, and then some selections within that bill.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Well, in order to get more information about this, because obviously it is of great interest to the Members, we have been waiting for this for a number of months. Let me yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) who is a leader in this effort on the House Democratic side.

Mr. FARR of California. I thank the gentleman very much for yielding. And my question pursuant to the campaign finance reform: Are any of those bills democratic bills?

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman's inquiry, and if the gentleman from California will yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. They are all bills that have been worked on in the House by a number of people from both sides of the aisle. They have all been under consideration in the Committee on House Oversight, and we are of course confident that Members from both sides of the aisle, especially those Members who have so often expressed their hope and their desire to have this vote by the end of March, will have an opportunity to make the votes that they would find useful in advancing their concerns about election reform.

Mr. FARR of California. So there are no Democratic authors. Is Mr. SHAYS', the Meehan bill, one of the bills?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ARMEY. I am sorry, I just do not know the sponsors of the separate bills.

Mr. FARR of California. And do I understand that on suspension it requires a two-thirds vote in order to pass any of those bills?

Mr. ARMEY. The gentleman's understanding is correct.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield to my friend from Texas.

Mr. DOGGETT. Do I understand from the majority leader, then, that the only discussion of campaign finance scheduled after these many months, and committee comments from both sides of the aisle in favor of it, will be under a procedure that permits no amendments and only 20 minutes to a side to debate each bill and that no bill that passes by a simple majority will become law or be passed by this House?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman, and I appreciate the inquiry from the gentleman from Texas.

Obviously, we have been receiving an enormous amount of requests, a sense of urgency that would suggest that perhaps in order to respond to those people who have been so vocal on this matter that haste was more important to their concerns than the substance of the matter, and in this case we believe that we have addressed the critical issues before the electorate in this country, including, and especially, the issue of protecting the paychecks of working men and women of this country, and the opportunities to vote on them will be available, and certainly for those of my colleagues who are so anxious to have this opportunity, I look forward to watching them as they vote for this.

Mr. DOGGETT. Well, if the gentleman will yield further?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. DOGGETT. Haste was very important to us last September when the gentleman told us this issue was going to be coming up, but I missed the answer to my question. Is it correct that the only debate that will be permitted next week on campaign finance will allow 20 minutes to a side for debate, no amendments, and none of this legislation will pass the House if it only secures a majority vote?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for yielding. To the gentleman from Texas' inquiry, the answer is yes.

Mr. DOGGETT. I thank the gentleman. It would appear, then, that the last bill that leadership offered is not the only one that has been killed by this House. Campaign finance is as dead as a door nail.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield at this time to one of the co-sponsors of the leading bill, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

Mr. SHAYS. I thank the gentleman from California for yielding, and I just would like to clarify a few points.

Our distinguished majority leader says that haste is more important than substance, and I do not understand why he feels that way. Would he please explain to me why he thinks haste is more important than substance?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman from California for yielding, and I thank my colleague for his inquiry.

The leadership of this House is prepared to deal with this issue and to deal with it in the most judicious way, through the efforts of the committees of jurisdiction, and to do so in a manner that does in fact give us an opportunity to comprehensively understand and measure all the concerns of the American people and appropriately respond to them.

I might say, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I am particularly proud of the work that has been done by the Committee on House Oversight, and I believe that the first of the bills that we will consider is very comprehensive, very responsive, very inclusive, and should provide each and every Member of this body with a wonderful opportunity to vote for campaign finance reform in the best interests of honest elections for the American people and all of the American people.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to put this forward, and for those Members who felt so insistent that it ought to be done by the end of March, I would only suggest that obviously it is those Members that place the emphasis on haste as opposed to substance. The committee of jurisdiction was perfectly prepared to take that time which was necessary to do this job thoroughly, completely, and correctly, and given the strictures of time under which they operated, I think they are to be commended for the thoroughness of their work.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield further to my friend from Connecticut, if he wishes.

Mr. SHAYS. With all due respect to the majority, I never stood in 11 years and questioned my majority leader, and I do not do this lightly, but I am having a difficult time understanding what is being said and what will happen, and I would like to have that clarified for me.

Are you saying that we are moving in haste and that these bills are not substantive? Or that we are not moving in haste?

I would like a clarification.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield further.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman for his request, and I appreciate him.

In order to be clear what it is, in fact, that we are saying here, we are saying that on Monday, March 31, under the suspension calendar we will take under consideration the Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act, a comprehensive campaign finance reform bill that has been reported by the committee of jurisdiction, the Committee on House Oversight. We will then, after that is considered, move on to consideration of a bill that is written for the purpose of stopping illegal foreign contributions in American elections, I am sure a matter of great importance to all Americans, on a bill that should attract a very high vote count in this body.

In addition to that, we will look at the opportunity that has been made available to us to vote, through the Paycheck Protection Act, to protect the paychecks of every working man and woman in this country from mandatory use of their revenues, their incomes, by unions for political purposes without their consent and permission. I believe that too would be a very important vote, desirable by most of us.

And then finally, the Campaign Reporting and Disclosure Act will be considered, an opportunity for all of us to see to it that all of America knows promptly and thoroughly and completely who receives what campaign contributions from which sources and how those campaign funds are used as the day-by-day operations of the campaign go on.

I believe these represent opportunities for every American to have a greater confidence in the honesty and integrity of our American elections, and I am sure that all Members will look forward to the opportunity to vote on them.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield further to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS), and I would hope that he would inquire as to whether or not we are going to have a vote on Shays-Meehan, because I could not tell.

Mr. SHAYS. I intend to, but I thank the gentleman, and I thank the gentleman for yielding. I am trying to understand that we began this session last year, we waited all year long for a debate on campaign finance reform, at the end of that year of our legislative session, we asked the leadership if and when we would be having a debate on campaign finance reform. Our leadership, my leadership, said we would have a fair and open debate in February or March, and I am interested to know if this meets the leadership's definition of a fair and open debate on campaign finance reform.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield further to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman from California for yielding me the time, and I appreciate so much the ongoing interest of the gentleman from Connecticut.

As the gentleman knows, we have worked diligently on this whole issue in committee and in leadership, and with a great deal of commitment and conviction to the purposes at hand, that of securing honest elections, with great integrity on behalf of the American people.

We believe that we are bringing to the floor next week, under suspension, all opportunities of merit that could not be available to the American people to provide them that assurance, and we are very excited and proud for the opportunity for all of our Members to have the opportunity to express their commitment to that by a yes vote.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield further to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. SHAYS. Will you tell me who has decided that we brought all bills of merit? Who has made that decision?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, again I appreciate the gentleman from Connecticut. This has been a decision that has been made through the entire leadership team in consultation with the committee of jurisdiction, and I appreciate my colleague's interest.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. SHAYS. Were any Democrats consulted on whether there would be bills that they think deserve debate and discussion? Was anyone on the other side of the aisle considered before the leadership made the determination to come out with these bills?

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman from California yielding to my good friend and colleague from Connecticut. I should, of course, feel reassured, and as it should be, we have bipartisan activity in the committee of jurisdiction, and we are very proud of the work that the committee reported out.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield further to the gentleman.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Leader, I asked a sincere question, and I would appreciate a sincere answer. And the question was: Was anyone in leadership on the other side of the aisle consulted before it was decided to bring out four Republican bills?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman will yield, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and again I appreciate the gentleman from Connecticut for his interest, and the answer is no.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I am happy to yield further.

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Mr. SHAYS. Then, Mr. Leader, how can that be a fair and open debate if we have not allowed people with differing views to present their bills and to make their arguments before this Chamber? How does that meet the requirement of my leadership, who I like to believe is telling the truth.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) for response.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, under these circumstances, I appreciate the extraordinary generosity of time of the gentleman from California.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, it is reminding me of a tennis match. The ball is in your court.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, to my friend, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS), let me just say, we are perfectly prepared to continue any further consideration of this subject as the year passes by. But certainly we feel we have identified, through the efforts of the committee on a bipartisan working basis, the key crucial issues that are under concern before the American people. We are very excited about the opportunity we have afforded the body to vote on these next Monday, March 31.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for giving me the opportunity to ask just one or two more questions. I would like to know if our leadership has made a determination to bring up the McCain-Feingold bill that

was voted on in the Senate; and if so, when they intend to bring that up for a vote.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I appreciate again the interest of the gentleman from Connecticut. And these are the decisions that have been made with respect to what will be brought to the floor next week.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, has the leadership made any determination on whether or not they are going to bring McCain-Feingold to the floor of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOBSON). The Chair will remind the gentleman from California that the customary extended 1 minute has expired, and the Chair believes that Members have explored this at some length.

Does the majority leader have any unanimous consents that he wishes to continue with?

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, has the Chair made a ruling that I may not continue?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from California has expired.

Does the majority leader have unanimous consents that he wishes to continue with?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, point of clarification: If the Speaker is asking if the majority leader would be willing to ask unanimous consent to continue, the answer is no.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, may I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order?

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

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I object. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, has objection been heard?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection was heard by the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE).

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, obviously I have not had an opportunity to review the precedents, but I have been here for many years, and rarely, if ever, have I seen a Speaker determined that the unanimous consent for 1 minute, while the schedule was being discussed, and the substance of that schedule being discussed—

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, this is not a parliamentary inquiry.