

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker will appoint additional conferees at a subsequent time.

The Clerk will inform the Senate of the change in conferees.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) to inquire from the distinguished Majority Whip the schedule for today, the rest of the week, and next week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my friend the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), the distinguished Minority Whip, yielding to me.

I am pleased to announce, Mr. Speaker, that we have concluded legislative business for the week. The House will next meet on Monday, April 27, for a pro forma session. There will be no legislative business and no votes that day.

On Tuesday, April 28, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for the morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

On Tuesday, we will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices. Members should note that we do not expect any recorded votes before 5:00 on Tuesday, April 28.

On Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday, April 30, the House will meet at 10 a.m. to consider the following legislation:

A bill to establish a prohibition regarding illegal drugs and the distribution of hypodermic needles; H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendment of 1998; H.R. 1872, the Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997; H.R. 3546, the National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998; and S. 1502, the District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997.

Next week, we also hope to consider the conference report to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Mr. Speaker, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 30.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, would the gentleman entertain a few questions?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to.

Mr. BONIOR. Campaign finance reform. When? When do we expect to have that before the body?

Mr. DELAY. Well, as the gentleman knows, we are all excited about bringing campaign finance reform to the floor.

Mr. BONIOR. I can tell on your face that you are just overjoyed.

Mr. DELAY. And we hope to bring the campaign finance reform when it has had open and fair discussion sometime in May. Certainly, I would expect we

would hope before the Memorial Day recess.

Mr. BONIOR. We do not know that it is going to be before the Memorial Day recess? Is that still in doubt?

Mr. DELAY. Anything in this body is in doubt, as the gentleman knows. We are working on it. We hope the committees to work on the bill and bring it to the floor as soon as we can.

Mr. BONIOR. I would encourage my friend, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON), the chairman of the Committee on Rules, to engage in this if he would like. Are we expecting an open rule on campaign finance?

I yield to my friend from New York.

Mr. SOLOMON. Yes, we are. The arrangement that was made on both sides of the aisle on a bipartisan basis was to have a freshmen bipartisan bill as the base text and then allow any of the germane substitutes that would be offered to it.

Mr. BONIOR. Repeat the last part.

Mr. SOLOMON. Would allow any germane substitutes that are credible to be allowed to be debated for at least 1 hour.

Mr. BONIOR. And does my colleague expect the Shays-Meehan piece to be a part of that?

Mr. SOLOMON. The Shays-Meehan, if it stays in the form it is in now, it would be germane and it would be allowed to be brought to the floor.

Mr. BONIOR. Let me ask this question of the gentleman.

Some of us on this side of the aisle and on your side of the aisle think another approach that might be worth debating and discussing is the constitutional approach, trying to correct some of these problems through the constitutional route, given the court rulings with respect to participation in the system and limitations on spending.

Would the gentleman be entertaining opportunities for us to offer those type of remedies to our present predicament?

Mr. SOLOMON. Constitutional amendments are joint resolutions, as the gentleman knows. And we can talk about it, but that is not a part of the arrangement that was allowed.

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman would yield. Certainly the gentleman is not talking about limiting the jurisdiction of judges, is he?

Mr. BONIOR. No, that was your exercise today.

My friend from New York said that this was an arrangement that was made by both sides. Can he apprise us who he talked to on our side, who his leaders talked to with respect to agreeing on what the base bill was? I mean, I do not know of anybody on our side of the aisle that participated in any discussions with him on this.

Mr. SOLOMON. I will tell the gentleman, I do not know who else was spoken to. I see my good friend Sean Connery, no, that is not Sean Connery, that is the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY) standing over

there; and I sat down with him and explained what we had in mind and it would be open and fair and every single Member of this House will be able to work their will as long as they have a credible plan, which we can discuss. And, as I told the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), we will make those substitutes in order.

Mr. BONIOR. Well, we are hoping that when the committee meets, the Committee on Rules, that the options available for a full debate and opportunities to debate the wide variety of proposals that are out there, including constitutional provisions, will be available to Members.

And that is all we have asked for with the discharge petition that we initiated, and we hope that we can move on and have a good debate on those issues.

Mr. SOLOMON. I think my colleague will be excited and happy with the rule that the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY) and I will bring to the floor.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Texas, and I wish both my colleagues a very pleasant weekend.

Mr. DELAY. I wish my colleague a very pleasant weekend. I hear the weather is nice in Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Great mellow moments in the House of Representatives.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1998

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

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

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, April 27, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, for morning hour debates.

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

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

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

There was no objection.