

TIME FOR REPUBLICAN PARTY TO
STOP DELAYING ON CAMPAIGN
FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans are up to their old tricks again, "Doolittle" and "DeLay." Despite his famous handshake with President Clinton in the summer of 1995, Speaker GINGRICH has done little to pass real campaign finance reform. In fact, what he has said is that we need more money in our political system. He supports the bill of the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) to remove what limits there already are in place on campaign contributions.

Meanwhile, the Republican leadership has delayed a vote on real reform in this House. They initially promised a full and fair vote in March. It is now May, and we are still waiting. Meanwhile, the Republican Whip, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TOM DELAY), third ranking member in this body, he is leading the effort to kill real reform.

I think it is time for the Republican party to stop delaying and to please do something about campaign finance reform. Stop listening to the wealthy and to the special interests. Start listening to average working Americans in this country. Vote for real campaign finance reform. Vote for the bipartisan Meehan-Shays bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROCEDURES
AND DEADLINE FOR PRINTING
OF AMENDMENTS ON BUDGET
RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR
1999

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of June 1 to grant a rule which will limit the amendment process for consideration of the budget resolution for fiscal year 1999. The Committee on the Budget ordered the budget resolution reported last night and is expected to file its committee report sometime over the next few days.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by 2 o'clock on Tuesday, June 2, to the Committee on Rules in Room 312 of the Capitol.

As has been the common practice in recent years, the Committee on Rules strongly suggests that the Members wishing to offer amendments, that they offer those amendments as complete substitute amendments that keep the Federal budget in balance. I do not intend to put out a rule that is going to put on the floor a budget that is not in balance.

Members should also use the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Congress-

sional Budget Office to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and scored and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

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

Mr. SOLOMON. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that we are not going to have any votes until Wednesday at 5, and there will be very few Members back in the Chamber Tuesday. Could the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) make that at 2 o'clock Wednesday instead of 2 o'clock Tuesday, because we do have an extra day, then?

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman makes a point, but it is going to be difficult to make sure that the full Members of the House and the media and the public are going to be able to see those substitutes.

As the gentleman knows, because there is a Memorial Day recess and work period back home, there are no scheduled votes until 5 o'clock on Wednesday. It is just imperative that the gentleman and I, and the gentleman is the ranking member of that committee, that the gentleman and I be able to see those amendments for at least 24 hours.

Let me make a concession and move it up to, instead of 2 o'clock, to 5 o'clock on Tuesday. Our staffers are going to be here working all during next week.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield further, as the gentleman well knows, most of the Members will not be back until Wednesday, because it is the Memorial Day weekend and they have other things in their district. So I would hope that just one more day would not make much difference as far as the media goes, or the gentleman's ability to look over the amendments, or my ability to look over the amendments. I think it would be fairer to those who will be spending all the time back in their districts.

Mr. SOLOMON. As the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY) knows, when the gentleman was the chairman of the committee and I was the ranking member, I used to complain that we were not given enough notice to be able to look at what we were going to act on.

It is imperative that we put out the rule on Wednesday because of the timeliness of the budget, as the gentleman knows. It is important that the gentleman and I and our committee act on it Wednesday night, and to give them that extra day, the gentleman and I would not even have a chance to look through these voluminous budgets. So I am just doing what the gentleman has done in the past.

Mr. MOAKLEY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, it is just as recent as few days ago he has

given us amendments 10 minutes before we are going to vote on them. If we have the capacity to digest them in that short period of time, I am sure the gentleman would have the same opportunity.

Mr. SOLOMON. The gentleman knows that the gentleman from New York (Mr. JERRY SOLOMON) has pledged to be more fair than the Democrats ever were to us, and I have lived up to that for 4 years now. We are going to continue to do that.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Is the gentleman saying that the Committee on Rules is going to meet on Wednesday to discuss the budget amendments?

Mr. SOLOMON. Yes. That is right.

Mr. MOAKLEY. We are going to meet on Wednesday?

Mr. SOLOMON. Yes, sir. We have to.

Mr. MOAKLEY. In that case, I withdraw my request.

Mr. SOLOMON. The gentleman now understands why he should have at least 24 hours to be prepared.

Mr. MOAKLEY. I am sorry, I thought we were not going to meet on this until Thursday. But if we are going to meet on it Wednesday, then we should do that.

Mr. SOLOMON. We have to meet on Wednesday because the bill has to be on the floor on Thursday, and it is the most important legislation to come before the body.

Mr. MOAKLEY. I understand. I thought the gentleman was not going to take it up until Thursday.

Mr. SOLOMON. The gentleman has always been so understanding, and he has not changed a bit.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Sometimes.

Mr. SOLOMON. I thank the gentleman.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 432,
SENSE OF HOUSE CONCERNING
PRESIDENT'S ASSERTION OF EX-
ECUTIVE PRIVILEGE, AND HOUSE
RESOLUTION 433, CALLING UPON
THE PRESIDENT TO URGE FULL
COOPERATION BY FORMER POL-
ITICAL APPOINTEES, FRIENDS,
AND THEIR ASSOCIATES WITH
CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGA-
TIONS

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 436 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 436

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 432) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's assertions of executive privilege. The resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The resolution shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader or his designee and a Member opposed to the resolution. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.