PERMISSION TO INSERT CORRESPONDENCE FROM COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert into the RECORD the correspondence from the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Education and the Workforce regarding jurisdictional matters on H.R. 4737, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: We are writing concerning H.R. 4090, the ''Personal Responsibility, Work and Family Promotion Act of 2002,'' reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, and H.R. 4092, the ''Working Toward Independence Act of 2002,'' reported by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 4090 receives a sequential referral to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and H.R. 4092 receives a sequential referral to the Committee on Ways and Means.

As you know, the substance of H.R. 4090 and H.R. 4092 have been merged in H.R. 4737 along with provisions from the jurisdiction of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Agriculture and Financial Services. H.R. 4737 will be proceeding directly to floor consideration without action by the committees of jurisdiction, while the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Education and the Workforce will be discharged from our sequential referrals on H.R. 4092 and H.R. 4090 respectively. We are writing to confirm that this procedural course will not prejudice the jurisdiction of either Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

BILL THOMAS,
Chairman.
JOHN BOEHNER,
Chairman.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I take this time for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for next week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. PELOSI. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has completed its legislative business for the week. The House will next meet for legislative business on Monday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m. for the morning hour and two o'clock p.m. for legislative business.

On Monday, I will schedule a number of measures under suspensions of the rule, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices tomorrow. Recorded votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m. on Monday.

On Tuesday and the balance of the week, I have scheduled the following measures: H.R. 3994, the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, and the Supplemental Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2002.

Conferees are also meeting today on H.R. 3448, the Bioterrorism Preparedness Act; and if they are able to complete the conference report, I will likely schedule it for consideration next week as well.

Mr. Speaker, I might add parenthetically, we have a couple of other conferences that seem to be making progress; and should they complete any of their work, we would be advising people as soon as possible for any scheduling of that work, and I want to thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished majority leader for that report, and I just would like to inquire more specifically about the timing of some of these bills on the floor.

When will the bioterrorism conference report and the Afghan assistance bills be considered on the floor, more specifically?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry, and if the gentlewoman would continue to yield, we would expect that, if it is all ready to go, on Wednesday morning.

Ms. PELOSI. Wednesday morning for the bioterrorism conference report and then after that the Afghan aid?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman would continue yielding, I must caution her that that, of course, is assuming it is ready and then, of course, we would try to do Afghan as quickly thereafter as possible.

Ms. PELOSI. And the Afghan bill, I am sorry I just did not hear the ending?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, we would try to do that on Tuesday. The Afghanistan relief bill would be on Tuesday.

Ms. PELOSI. On what day would the supplemental appropriations bill be considered?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry, and if she would continue to yield, I just spoke to the chairman just minutes ago, and he has assured me he will be ready on Wednesday. We would expect it to be ready and expect it to go on Wednesday.

Ms. PELOSI. Would the gentleman shed some light on the kind of rule that that supplemental might be considered under.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for that inquiry; and quite frankly, I have no particular insight to share with her at this moment. This is an important piece of legislation. I am sure we are going to want to work with everybody regarding the rule, and I will try to find out more and advise her as soon as I can learn some more about it.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman mentioned that there are some conferences going on now. Could the gentleman tell us what conference reports might also ripen by next week to come to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman would continue to yield, we have the State Department, bankruptcy, and there is one more from the Committee on Financial Services, the Ex-Im Bank; and I am told that it is likely the Ex-Im Bank might get completed.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, yielding further to the gentleman, I would like to know if there is any other legislation that the majority is considering for floor consideration next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman would yield, we are continuing to work with Members from both sides of the aisle on the Committee on Financial Services on the FDIC reauthorization bill. It does not seem to be controversial, and it is possible that could get scheduled for next week.

Ms. PELOSI. Would the gentleman tell us if there are going to be votes next Friday.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry. Friday being, of course, as the gentlewoman knows, the day we begin a very important district work period, insofar as we are capable of completing our week before that, we would expect not to. We must be prepared to work on Friday; but right now, I would attach a high probability to our completing our work on Thursday.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that information.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 20, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday next 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. ARMEY. 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.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4163

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 4163.

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

There was no objection.