

through Saturday, May 25, 2002, or from Tuesday, May 28, 2002, through Friday May 31, 2002, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12:00 noon on Monday, June 3, 2002, or Tuesday, June 4, 2002, or until such other time on either of those days as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, May 23, 2002, through Saturday, May 25, 2002, or on any legislative day from Tuesday, May 28, 2002, through Friday, May 31, 2002, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, or until Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and House, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Senate concurrent resolution is concurred in.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the right to object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman withdraw his reservation of objection?

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Senate concurrent resolution is concurred in.

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, June 5, 2002.

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

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER, MAJORITY LEADER, AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, June 4, 2002, the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JUNE 4, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 23, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 4, 2002.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

INCREASING THE NATIONAL DEBT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues who remain awake at 3 o'clock this morning, and for the folks who work for this House, I very much apologize for you keeping awake 5 minutes longer, but I do think that this House has hit what could possibly be the lowest low it has ever hit.

Two weeks ago, the House that claims to be for national security refused to give this Member a vote on whether or not we would prevent another round of base closures, because I think that is incredibly stupid and a waste of money. But what is so much worse than that is that, without an up-or-down vote, without having the guts, the courage, the fortitude, and may I say the honesty to say that you are increasing the debt limit by \$750 billion, the House just voted to do so. You wrapped it in a package that would help the troops to the tune of \$21 billion, but what you really have done is increased the debt limit and put our Nation another \$750 billion in debt.

Let me tell you why I think that is bad. As of the end of last month, our Nation was \$5,984,677,357,213.86 in debt. Sometimes that is just mind-boggling. But let us bring it back to reality. Let us bring it back to one lifetime. Let us bring it back to my daughter Sarah's lifetime.

On the day she was born on Christmas, 1978, our Nation was less than \$1 trillion in debt. We had gone through the Revolutionary War, the War of

1812, the Mexican-American War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

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We built the interstate highway system, St. Lawrence Seaway. We have done so many good things for the citizens, and we managed to do it and borrow less than \$1 trillion. In 1980 Ronald Reagan became President, made the promise that we could somehow cut taxes and increase spending and it is all going to work, in a Democratic House, but a Republican Senate, a Republican President. At the end of those 8 years, he had doubled the national debt to \$2 trillion. That is a fact. And he never lost a veto vote. If he thought it was that bad a deal, he could have vetoed those bills and he would have won, but he did not, and that is a fact.

So what we have now 22 years later is \$5 trillion more debt. What is really bad about that debt is folks back home, when you tell them, they say, where does my tax money go? They think it goes to food stamps or they think it goes to welfare, and they are absolutely appalled when we tell them it is squandered on interest on the national debt, \$1 billion a day. It does not educate a kid, it does not defend the country, it does not pave a highway. It is just squandered, and a third of that money goes to German and Japanese lending institutions. Mr. Speaker, \$100 billion a year leaves this country in interest payments to German and Japanese lending institutions.

So where does it stop? I believed you guys. I really did. I believed the Republicans when they said give us a chance to govern and we will balance the budget, but you lied to me. You were given a chance to govern, and you balanced the budget for 1 year and then you went crazy on tax breaks, because that is where the campaign contributions are. That is what it is all about. Have the honesty to admit it. You passed a so-called death tax repeal because that is where the campaign contributions are. So you reduced revenues, you increased spending, and you are somehow surprised that in 12 months you have increased the national debt by \$323,329,559,211.21. And what makes me mad, this son of a television salesman, is that my kids have to pay that bill. I do not like you sticking my kids with your bills.

I am for the troops. I did not ask for the Committee on Armed Services; I begged for it. I chose that committee because that is the best way I can serve them. But the best way I can serve those kids in Afghanistan is not asking them to serve their country and then sticking them for the bill for this war when they get home and their kids with this bill for the rest of their lives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.