

name conferees for an omnibus trade bill, which I would expect to schedule next week as well; and the Speaker further advises me that, in consultation with the minority leader, he expects to bring a resolution to the floor related to the establishment of a select committee on homeland security.

I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the distinguished majority leader. I have some further questions.

On what days will the following be scheduled: the appointment of the fast track conferees? trade promotion authority conferees?

Mr. ARMEY. I expect that would probably happen on Tuesday.

Ms. PELOSI. And then the Monument Fairness Act, Mr. Leader?

Mr. ARMEY. Wednesday.

Ms. PELOSI. And airport towers legislation?

Mr. ARMEY. That would be Wednesday as well.

Ms. PELOSI. And pension reform?

Mr. ARMEY. That would be Thursday.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Leader, are there definitely going to be votes next Friday?

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentlewoman's inquiry. As the week is shaping up, the kind of work we see coming available to us, I think we should have to expect to be here for votes on Friday of next week.

Ms. PELOSI. I appreciate that. I do have one other question. I unfortunately do not see on the schedule a date for the prescription drug legislation to be scheduled. I have been hearing over and over that it is coming up soon, it is coming up soon. As you know, Mr. Leader, the need is great. We have been hearing that the majority is going to schedule this legislation for months. We need a real Medicare benefit that protects our seniors from the huge cost of prescription drugs. Every day is important to them. I would like to ask the majority leader what the plan is for bringing a prescription drug benefit under Medicare to the floor.

Mr. ARMEY. Again I want to thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry.

The gentlewoman from California, Mr. Speaker, is exactly right. This is indeed very important to so many citizens in America, and we have two committees that are working on it and working with one another, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. I am told that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has already scheduled a markup for next week and have every reason to expect the bill to be on the floor before we retire to our districts for the July 4th work period.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's information.

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ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JUNE 17, 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 (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, June 17, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, 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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be the unanimous will of this body that every father in America have a glorious Father's Day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the majority leader.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE TREATY

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a resolution that would express support for President George W. Bush's withdrawal of the United States from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Today marks the conclusion of the 6-month notification of the withdrawal from the ABM Treaty by the United States.

My legislation reaffirms that the United States' national security has fundamentally changed since 1972. Not only do the Russians and Chinese have ballistic missile arsenals that are capable of reaching the United States, but so do a growing number of countries

that are hostile to the United States' interests, such as North Korea, Iran and Iraq.

This resolution simply says that the Congress supports the decision by the President to withdraw the United States from the ABM Treaty in accordance with article 15 of the treaty. It also states that Congress supports efforts to provide for the establishment of a robust layered missile defense system to protect the United States and its allies.

Very frankly, the United States faces new and complex threats. September 11, 2001, showed the new threats to our national security and the potential threats we face by more than 32 countries that are working on ballistic missile development. The new threats involve states with considerably fewer missiles with less accuracy, yield, reliability and range. However, emerging ballistic missile systems can potentially kill tens of thousands, or even millions, of Americans, depending on the warhead and intended target.

I believe we cannot allow these countries to use ballistic missiles as instruments of blackmail against the United States and its allies. The way we can and must defend our homeland is through the development of a layered missile defense system, a layered system that would violate the terms of the ABM Treaty.

Clearly, the day has come to withdraw from this dated and ineffective document that was created more than 30 years ago during a different time and under different conditions than those that face our national security today.

I would also like to submit the following sponsors: The gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER), the gentleman from Florida (Mr. JEFF MILLER), the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. HOSTETTLER), the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT), the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES), the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), and the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2114, NATIONAL MONUMENT FAIRNESS ACT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, today a Dear Colleague was sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of June 17 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 2114, the National Monument Fairness Act. The bill was ordered reported by the Committee on Resources on March 20 and the committee report was filed on April 15.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 in