

on this bill. Yet, again, this is a bill that has not made its way to the House floor.

Would the majority leader care to comment with all the time we have had on the floor this past week, why that priority of the President has not come to the floor?

Mr. ARMEY. I appreciate the gentleman's inquiry. The fact of the matter is we have attended to a great many matters, and when and if that bill is appropriate to be brought to the floor in the judgment of the majority leader, the bill will then be brought to the floor. That time has not yet come.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. ROEMER. I thank the majority leader, and I thank the gentlewoman from California. I hope this bipartisan bill will get to the floor. I think it would pass with over 300 votes.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I would encourage once again the leaders of the majority to bring the Senate bill to the floor expeditiously.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 15, 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. SIMPSON). 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members of both sides to please refrain from improper references to the Senate.

FINDING A CURE FOR ALS

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, upon retiring from baseball due to a debilitating disease known as ALS, Lou Gehrig said, "I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth . . . I might have had a tough break, but I have an awful lot to live for."

Today this attitude is personified in Matthias Radits, the corporate chef of

The Breakers resort, who was diagnosed with ALS last year. With The Breakers' kitchen serving as the classroom, Mr. Radits has established an apprenticeship for high school graduates interested in culinary arts.

ALS is a fatal, neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord. When cells die, voluntary muscle control and movement ceases, yet a patient's mind remains intact.

The average life expectancy is 2 to 5 years. But with recent advancements, ALS patients are living longer and having more productive lives.

I urge my colleagues to work hard towards additional funding for ALS so that more aggressive and productive research can be done and we can imagine a day when this disease disappears for all of the Matthias Raditses of the world.

RESTORE INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday in Houston, Texas, my constituents, many of them laid off ex-Enron employees, joined me to announce the need for immediate action for corporate accountability. Large speeches were made this week by the administration joining in that voice, but the only action that will be respectful of the pain that so many have experienced is immediate action.

So I call upon my colleagues to immediately address an outstanding legislative initiative that deals with separating accounting functions from consulting functions offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE). I believe we can immediately begin to answer the concerns of the American people. We can address the concerns of a WorldCom stock that 3 weeks ago sold for \$64 and is now 7 cents.

So to answer the needs and the pain of my constituents, I will file today the Omnibus Corporate Reform and Restoration Act of 2002, an omnibus bill that has sweeping measures to change the face of corporate America. I hope we have heard the voices and the cries of the American people. We must do it now to restore investor confidence.

STRONG LEADERSHIP OF THE PRESIDENT

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate President Bush on the very bold speech that he made on Wall Street the other day demonstrating his outrage over the kind of business that we have seen within a number of corporations. I know many people are talking about these scandals; my colleague from Texas just mentioned it. I

think that if we look at the way President Bush has responded, there are a number of issues on which he states his very strong feelings.

There is nothing about which he feels more strongly than the fact in a capitalist system which is one of the greatest aspects of the United States of America, honesty and ethics are a priority and they are to be expected. And that is why I believe that the legislation which we have moved from this House and we hope we will be able to see legislation emerge from the Senate so that we can bring about a bipartisan compromise to deal with accounting reform that will not in any way jeopardize the free market system which is so important to us will succeed. I congratulate President Bush for the very strong leadership he has shown on this issue.

STEEL REVITALIZATION ACT

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, almost every day we hear about another major U.S. corporation sell out its stockholders, lay off workers, destroy pension funds for those workers. Almost every day we see my Republican friends do the bidding of another corporate interest and fail the American public.

I call on this body to pass H.R. 808, the Steel Revitalization Act. In my district, RTI Technologies, a steel producer, has seen, its workers have seen their pension and their health benefits in jeopardy.

This body which every day acts on behalf of corporate interests on behalf of Republican leadership has failed workers in this country, has failed pensioners in this country, has failed to correct health care abuses by corporate America in this country. It is time that this body pass H.R. 808, the Steel Revitalization Act.

ACTING AGAINST CORPORATE ABUSES

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am often admonished for urging the other body to take up action on a bill, and yet I just heard a dialogue between the minority whip and the majority leader on urging us to take up a Senate bill.

I was on the floor yesterday when that bill was under consideration. Ironically, Senator JOHN MCCAIN from Arizona had a very, very important provision in that bill that would have accounted for stock options, which is one of the biggest problems in the accounting of corporate income and expenses. He was blocked by the majority, the Democratic majority, from accepting his amendment that would have