

McKinney	Roukema	Taylor (NC)
Murtha	Smith (MI)	Waxman
Ortiz	Stark	Young (AK)
Oxley	Stump	
Reyes	Sununu	

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire about the schedule for next week, and I am pleased to yield to the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me thank the gentlewoman from California for yielding; and, 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 Tuesday October 15 and may consider measures under suspension of the rules. No votes are expected on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, October 16, the House will meet at noon for legislative business, and no votes are expected before two o'clock p.m. The House will consider a continuing resolution and any conference reports that may be available.

Other legislation that may become available will be announced as soon as possible.

Obviously, Mr. Speaker, completion of the Department of Homeland Security which passed the House in July remains our highest priority. I am sure the gentlewoman shares my interest in getting this bill to conference as soon as the other body completes consideration of the legislation, and I am very hopeful that we will be able to finally get this critical bill into conference next week, and I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, just to clarify, there are no votes on Tuesday and no votes on Friday of next week? Suspension votes on Tuesday will be rolled until Wednesday?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, that is exactly right. On Wednesday, we will begin votes at 2:00; and I must say that the Members should be prepared to be working yet on Thursday, but I do not expect us to be here on Friday of next week.

Ms. PELOSI. That is not definite yet?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, it is not definite.

Ms. PELOSI. I understand no votes until 2:00 p.m.

Will the investor tax bill be scheduled next week, and if so, what day?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will yield, we have two bills that have been reported by the committee. We are continuing to work with the chairman of the committee with respect to the scheduling, and at this time we have not made a final determination. We will notify as soon as we do.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, does the majority leader wish to share with us how long the next CR will last?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry, and if the gentlewoman would grant me just a moment, if I had extrasensory perception, I could probably answer her with a good deal more confidence, but these continuing resolutions are subject to negotiations between the two bodies and the ability on the part of both bodies in this respect, most notably the other body, to actually pass the agreements once they are made.

So it is what we in Texas call a running gunfight, and we can only give my colleagues updates as we see the progress that is made.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, so it is not the usual consultation with Puff the Magic Dragon?

Mr. ARMEY. It is a bicameral, bipartisan consultation that involves not only the leadership on both sides of the aisle, both sides of the building, but also, as very critically, the Committee on Appropriations as well.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the hour is late. Other than the vote on Iraq today, we have not accomplished anything much in this body since July. Since there is no question we will have a lame duck, would my colleague wish to share with us when that might begin?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentlewoman for her inquiry, and I share her regret that since July we have not been able to get into conference on all the bills that we passed over to the other body that they have neglected, and clearly we will be able to complete our work, maintaining our high priority for homeland security.

□ 2330

We will continue to try to work our way through that; and again, I think it is pretty much dependent on the ability of the other body to pass anything that would result in our being able to respond to the question regarding what is euphemistically referred to as a “lame duck session.”

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

DISPOSING OF VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I send a unanimous consent request to the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The Clerk will report the unanimous consent request.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. ARMEY asks unanimous consent that the House

(1) Be considered to have discharged from the committee and passed H.R. 5316, H.R. 5574, H.R. 5361, H.R. 5439, Senate 2558, H.R. 5349, H.R. 5598, H.R. 5601, H.R. 670, H.R. 669, and H.R. 5205;

(2) Be considered to have discharged from committee and agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 406, House Resolution 542, House Resolution 572, House Concurrent Resolution 504, House Resolution 532, House Resolution 571, and House Concurrent Resolution 467;

(3) Be considered to have discharged from committee, amended, and agreed to House Resolution 410, House Concurrent Resolution 486, House Concurrent Resolution 487 in the respective forms placed at the desk;

(4) Be considered to have amended and passed H.R. 5400 by the committee amendment placed at the desk; and

(5) That the committees being discharged be printed in the RECORD, the texts of each measure and any amendment thereto be considered as read and printed in the RECORD, and that motions to reconsider each of these actions be laid upon the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain this combined request under the Speaker’s guidelines as recorded on page 712 of the Manual with assurances that it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and all committee leaderships.

The Clerk will report the titles of the various bills and the resolutions.

The Clerk read as follows:

DISCHARGED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND PASSED

H.R. 5316, to establish a user fee system that provides for an equitable return to the Federal Government for the occupancy and use of National Forest System lands and facilities by organizational camps that serve the youth and disabled adults of America, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5316

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Forest Organizational Camp Fee Improvement Act of 2002”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND DEFINITIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Organizational camps, such as those administered by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and faith-based and community-based organizations, provide a valuable service to young people, individuals with a disability, and their families by promoting physical, mental, and spiritual health through activities conducted in a natural environment.

(2) The 192,000,000 acres of national forests and grasslands of the National Forest System managed for multiple uses by the Forest Service provides an ideal setting for such organizational camps.

(3) The Federal Government should charge land use fees for the occupancy and use of National Forest System lands by such organizational camps that, while based on the fair market value of the land in use, also recognize the benefits provided to society by such organizational camps, do not preclude the ability of such organizational camps from utilizing these lands, and permit capital investment in, and maintenance of, camp facilities by such organizational camps or their sponsoring organizations.