

the Government Reform Committee due to my appointment as the Ranking Member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security.

Sincerely,

JIM TURNER,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

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ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND DELEGATES TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 52) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 52

Resolved. That the following named Members and Delegates be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Mr. Alexander, Mr. Ballance, Mr. Cardoza, Mr. Scott of Georgia, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Case.

(2) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Israel, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Meek of Florida, Ms. Bordallo, Mr. Alexander.

(3) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Ms. Majette.

(4) COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE: Mr. Case, Mr. Grijalva, Ms. Majette, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Mr. Van Hollen.

(5) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Emanuel (to rank immediately after Mr. Miller of North Carolina), Mr. Davis of Alabama.

(6) COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM: Mr. Van Hollen, Ms. Linda T. Sánchez, Mr. Ruppertsberger.

(7) COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Ms. Millender-McDonald, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania.

(8) COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Mr. Smith of Washington, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Bell.

(9) COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES: Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Cardoza, Ms. Bordallo.

(10) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE: Mr. Bell, Mr. Bishop of New York, Mr. Miller of North Carolina, Mr. Davis of Tennessee.

(11) COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Ballance, Mr. Ryan of Ohio.

(12) COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT: Mr. Mollohan.

(13) COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS: Mr. Michaud.

Mr. CLYBURN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purposes of inquiring of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for the coming week.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Maryland yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules at that time. There will be no votes in the House before 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m.; and we expect to consider H.R. 395, the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act, to restrain rampant telemarketers. Additionally, we hope to consider the conference report on House Joint Resolution 2, which will finish up the 2003 appropriations process. However, if the conference report is not ready for floor consideration, the House will need to consider another continuing resolution.

On Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. We expect to consider the Welfare Reform Reauthorization Act.

I am happy to answer any questions the gentleman may have.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for the information. I would ask the distinguished majority leader, when does he expect the conferees will complete their work on the omnibus? Does the gentleman have any idea?

I notice the gentleman says, "if it is available." Does the gentleman have any information on when it may be available and completed?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, I have talked to the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. He is working all through the weekend.

As the gentleman may know, the Republican Caucus is going to spend this weekend in retreat. The chairman and some of the conference members are not going on that retreat so they can work through the weekend. They hope to be able to have a formal conference meeting Monday, Monday evening, and start the formal process at that time, hopefully getting the conference report to the floor by Wednesday.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that answer.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to know, and as I said last week, because of the process we are pursuing Members are not as knowledgeable, perhaps, as they otherwise would be on exactly what is going on. Can the majority leader inform me as to how much time he would expect to give Members, A, to review the conference report, and then to have consideration of it on the floor, and what procedures might be available to them on the floor?

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I cannot advise the gentleman on what proce-

dures may be available to them on the floor.

As the gentleman knows, the conference report is a privileged motion not subject to amendment. The Members, I do not know about the gentleman's side of the aisle, but my side of the aisle are very aware that the appropriations process is ongoing. I have been overwhelmed with requests and issues that are in that bill, as the chairman has, and Members are working as hard as they can to make sure their concerns are taken care of in the appropriations bill and in that process.

We are hoping that the Members will have sufficient time. This is, again, an unusual process, and the bill itself is huge, but we are hoping that we can give the Members sufficient time to review the bill. But if Members are interested, they ought to be consulting with the staff of the Committee on Appropriations right now as to what is in the bill and what might come to the bill so they might be prepared for voting on it on Wednesday.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Speaker, the staff of the Committee on Appropriations is now very upset with the gentleman for that recommendation.

Mr. DELAY. I retract that remark.

Mr. HOYER. The staff clearly is overwhelmed because they are trying to move ahead, covering 11 appropriation bills, in a short period of time.

I appreciate the gentleman's observation that there is going to be an attempt made to give the Members sufficient time when the report is issued, when the conference report is issued from the committee, to at least have 24 hours to review it and come to grips with what is in it. Because, again, the process has been one in which we have not had many of the bills, as the gentleman knows, on the floor for consideration in the House in the first instance, much less the conference reports, while the Senate, obviously, had a fuller debate on most of the pieces of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the gentleman again, I would like to ask him about the Welfare Reform Reauthorization Act which he indicates may be on the floor next Thursday. If it comes on the floor next Thursday, can the gentleman tell me how whether it is going to go to committee, to the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration, or whether it will go directly to the Committee on Rules and be reported out by the Committee on Rules?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, Mr. Speaker, we intend to use an unusual procedure to bring the bill straight to the floor because of many reasons, not the least of which is that reforming welfare, as the gentleman knows, has been an incredible success. The reauthorization was vitally important; and many of these programs, these successful programs, are working under short-term extensions. We think it is vitally important to get this program reauthorized and, most importantly, get to the Senate.