

explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H-312 of the Capitol by 12 noon on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as ordered reported by the Judiciary Committee on October 27, 2005, which is expected to be filed with the House next week. Members are also advised that the text should be available for their review on the Web sites of both the Judiciary Committee and the Rules Committee by this afternoon, November 4.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend and colleague, the chairman of the Rules Committee, to inquire about the schedule for next week.

Mr. DREIER. I thank the gentleman for yielding. Obviously, the House has completed its work for the day and for the week.

We will convene at 12:30 on Monday for morning hour and at 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those measures to be scheduled will be getting to Members' offices by the end of the day. Any votes that may be called on those measures will be rolled until 6:30 Monday afternoon or early Monday evening.

For Tuesday and the balance of the week, if the gentleman will continue to yield, the House will consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as two measures, the one I just mentioned, H.R. 1751, and I announced the filing of amendments for that, and also the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which is much talked about here. We also anticipate that the House will next week consider additional appropriations conference reports as they become available.

On Friday, we will not be in session, as Members know, so that there will be an opportunity for all of us to participate in Veterans' Day ceremonies that take place in our districts.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding; and I would be happy to entertain any questions he might have.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, next Tuesday is Election Day in many States and localities around the country. Given that we are scheduled to be in session and voting, how do you think votes might be structured that day in order to accommodate Members who have elections in their States?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I will tell my col-

leagues that the State I represent is nearly 3,000 miles away, and we are having a very important election in our State. I have voted by absentee ballot. I did that just this week and sent my ballot in.

We have a great deal of work to do, not only on Tuesday but next week, so we will be meeting here, and we have the items that I mentioned, the measures that will be considered under suspension, we have the very important Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act that needs to be considered, and we just have to proceed with our work.

So let me say that we do want every Member to participate in those elections, but I suspect that, in light of the fact that we will have so much work to do here, that Members should plan to be in Washington during the day on Tuesday.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, could the chairman tell me what appropriations conference reports we might expect to see on the floor next week?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, as I said in my remarks earlier today, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), has done an absolutely phenomenal job in moving these measures through. As you know, we have just voted on the foreign operations appropriations bill conference report, and we have three conference groups that are continuing to meet on Energy and Water, the Science, State, Justice, and Commerce appropriation bill, and the Military Quality of Life appropriations conference report.

From the conversation I have had with the chairman of the committee, it is his hope that we have those three measures up for consideration at some point next week.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Does the gentleman have any idea of which days they may go to conference?

Mr. DREIER. All three of those bills that I mentioned, the Energy and Water conference report and the Science, State, Justice, and Commerce conference report, and Military Quality of Life, they are all in conference as we speak. It is our hope that those conferences will be completed and those conference reports will be filed in the House. We cannot anticipate exactly when their work will be completed. We just want it to happen as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, on which day next week might we consider the budget reconciliation bill that calls for more than \$50 billion in mandatory spending cuts?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, as I think the gentleman heard in my announcement, I announced that it is our anticipation, we anticipate that we will consider what we call the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, and it is a measure which we will be working on next week.

Late next week or the middle to the latter part of next week, we anticipate

a vote here in the House on that very important measure that is designed to try and reduce the deficit and reform government and ensure that we can do the very important work that the American people sent us here to do.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Is the gentleman suggesting that we not call it mandatory spending cuts? You are calling it reduction, budget reduction?

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, what this deals with is mandatory spending, and what this deals with is the deficit challenge which Democrats and Republicans regularly decry here, and we are trying to focus on the reduction of the deficit, and that is the reason that we are appropriately referring to this as the Deficit Reduction Act.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman.

I would further like to inquire about the majority plan to extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act. This is an important issue that has had broad bipartisan support in the past, and action is needed because it is scheduled to expire on December 31.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I will say that this very important legislation, which I personally support, is at this moment being discussed by the leadership of the Financial Services Committee. They are working with the Department of the Treasury and Members in the leadership of the Banking Committee on the other side of the aisle, and we do hope very much that we will be able to put together a legislative package that can be considered before that very important December 31 date to which my friend referred.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I really want to thank the gentleman for being patient. I understand that our Financial Services Committee Democrats stand ready to work on a bipartisan basis on this, and they have asked for a markup as soon as possible. Since time is running out, I would like to ask my colleague why we could not simply take up H.R. 1153, a bill that is a largely bipartisan product that the Financial Services Committee reported last fall, but never acted upon.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I would say that we are taking that into consideration. We do not have it scheduled at this moment, but I appreciate my friend's raising this issue, and we will certainly take it under advisement and look at your recommendation, I hope from your perspective, favorably.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 7, 2005

Mr. DREIER. 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 debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?