

Members who wish to offer an amendment on this bill should submit 55 copies of the amendment and a brief description of the amendment to the Rules Committee in H-312 in the Capitol no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

Amendments should be drafted to the bill as ordered reported by the Committee on Armed Services. A copy of the bill is posted on the Web site of the Rules Committee. Amendments should be drafted by Legislative Counsel and should be reviewed by the Office of the Parliamentarian to be sure that the amendments comply with the rules of the House. Members are also strongly encouraged to submit their amendments to the Congressional Budget Office for analysis regarding possible PAYGO violations.

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAPUANO). The gentleman will state it. Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on the bill that was just passed, H.R. 1591, which passed, as I understand it, by a vote of 218–212, was rule XXIII, clause 16, applicable?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Further parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman may state his inquiry.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, so it is my understanding the rule under which we operated on H.R. 1591 did not waive House rule XXIII, clause 16. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is referencing the Code of Official Conduct, the operation of which was not affected by House Resolution 261.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 1227, GULF COAST HURRICANE HOUSING RECOVERY ACT OF 2007

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to correct a clerical error in the passage of the recommittal amendment to H.R. 1227.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, could the gentleman explain his request?

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I will explain it. We had talked to members of the minority. In the engrossment of H.R. 1227, the Clerk made some clerical errors. We were notified; the staff of the Committee on Financial Services talked to the minority staff. This is a request to correct some errors that were made in the recommit.

It is not in any favor to us. If you want the thing uncorrected, go ahead and object.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. If I may, Mr. Speaker, I am just not recalling that.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Well, I don't expect the gentleman to recall it. I did not recall it either. We didn't know they made clerical errors. They didn't tell us they made clerical errors.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is an innocent question. And the clerical error was?

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield to me, I don't know what the clerical error was. We were notified that there was an error in the transcription. We did not know what the error was. Members of our staff spoke to the minority staff on the Financial Services Committee and explained it. I don't know how they mistyped it. I wasn't there when they did it. I don't know what the clerical error is. I wasn't particularly concerned. We thought it was routine.

If the minority wants the bill to go uncorrected, that is the minority's choice. We did speak to the staff beforehand.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Would the gentleman be willing to withdraw the unanimous consent request?

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. I will withdraw it, but I am not sticking around to make it again.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the request, and let it stand uncorrected.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILSON of Ohio). The request is withdrawn.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my good friend, the majority leader, for the purpose of inquiring about next week's schedule.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour business and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. There will be no votes before 6:30 p.m. on that Monday.

On Tuesday next, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour business and noon for legislative business. We will consider additional bills under suspension of the rules. A complete list of these bills will be available by the end of the week. We also expect to consider H.R. 1401, the Rail Security Act, out of the Homeland Security Committee.

On Wednesday and Thursday the House will meet at 10 a.m. On Friday, no votes are expected. We will consider H.R. 1538, the Wounded Warriors Assistance Act, and the fiscal year 2008 budget resolution.

Mr. BLUNT. The gentleman said he expected that budget resolution to be on Friday?

Mr. HOYER. On Thursday. I do not expect that we will be meeting on Friday, unless debate occurs longer than I

expect. But otherwise we will not be meeting on Friday.

Mr. BLUNT. Does the gentleman have a sense on the rule on the budget? Will there be substitutes allowed? What is the gentleman's sense on that?

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Mr. HOYER. I will tell the gentleman my sense is that substitutes will be allowed.

Mr. BLUNT. Well, we traditionally have allowed substitutes. I will express to the gentleman my disappointment in the rule on the bill we just passed, which as far as I know is the first closed rule on an appropriations bill since 1992. And the previous appropriations bill was largely closed, and I hate to see us headed down that path. I think it is going to be much harder to get our appropriations work done. I know our appropriators are concerned that a long-standing tradition on appropriations bills has been violated, and I hope we don't see that same thing happen on the budget resolution coming to the floor next week.

Mr. HOYER. I appreciate the gentleman's observations. I understand his concern. Although I do observe that there was no motion made to either add or subtract from the bill that we just considered in a motion to recommit. But I do expect substitutes will be made in order.

Mr. BLUNT. I think the gentleman's suggestion that if we don't take advantage of whatever small parliamentary procedure we are allowed, that somehow that justifies not allowing us any amendments on the bill is not a very good excuse for that. I hope that we don't continue to see that happen.

I was concerned about the CR and the way it was handled. I was concerned about this bill. The next logical step, when we get to the appropriations bills, is that they, too, would not have the opportunity for debate and amendment as this was, in violation of long-standing traditions in the House. The last time this happened was when the gentleman's party was in the majority, and I hate to see us revert back to that lack of debate. I hope the gentleman will work with me and others to try to do everything we can to move the process along, not only rapidly, but also appropriately.

Mr. HOYER. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. BLUNT. I would.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Having been in the gentleman's position for too long, I honestly empathize with his position. It is my expectation that the appropriation bills, as they have historically, will come to this floor starting mid-May and continuing through June, and we hope to complete our appropriations bills by the end of June. My expectation is they will be, as they are traditionally, on the floor with open rules, or at least structured rules. Obviously, open rules, if you have 500 or 600 amendments from all