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Gallegly

Manton
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Mutha
Rush

Sanchez
Scarborough
Snowbarger
Taylor (NC)

□ 1300

So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced
as above recorded.
A motion to reconsider was laid on
the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 539, I was unavoidably detained with business in my district. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SNOWBARGER. Mr. Speaker, the system for alerting Members of a pending vote was not in operation when the vote was called on H. Res. 612, to express Congressional support for the men and women of our Armed Forces who are conducting operations against Iraq. I strongly support our troops and support this resolution. I would have voted "yes" on this measure.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the resolution just adopted.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, we will continue to work on this whole subject of the schedule for the remainder of the day and ensuing. I know Members on both sides of the aisle are very anxious about this schedule, and let me just suggest that we will need to perhaps put the House into recess for an hour.

We will continue with our meeting and our negotiations with the minority, and hopefully within the hour we can return with an announcement of what the schedule will be for the remainder of this day, this week, and that time ensuing.

Mr. Speaker, I should encourage Members to stay close to their offices. We would like to, on behalf of all the Members, be able to give you definitive word within that hour time period, and at that point, of course, each and every Member can follow up as they and their family's needs dictate.

If I may ask the indulgence of the Chamber, that we take that recess, come back within the hour, and make that announcement.

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

Mr. ARMEY. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentleman from Texas, the majority leader, let me just state from the perspective of many on this side of the aisle, and I assume some even on the gentleman's side of the aisle, that we would look down upon any activity in this body to go forward with impeachment while American men and women are engaged in armed conflict.

I hope in your deliberations, I hope in your deliberations, that you consider the message that that will send to people around the world, and more particularly, those who are fighting on behalf of this country.

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman from Michigan for his advice.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1457

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 2 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule IX, I hereby give notice of my

intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House. The form of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas rule IX of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides that questions of privilege shall arise whenever the rights of the House collectively or the Members individually in their representative capacity are affected;

Whereas under the precedents, customs, and traditions of the House pursuant to rule IX, a question of privilege has arisen in cases involving the constitutional prerogatives of the House and of Members of the House; and

Whereas the House is prepared to consider a resolution impeaching the President, and the Delegate to the Congress from the District of Columbia seeks to assert the constitutional prerogative to cast a vote in the consideration of the resolution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PROVIDING VOTE FOR DELEGATE FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN CONSIDERATION OF PRESIDENTIAL IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTIONS.

Pursuant to section 2 of article I of the Constitution and the twenty-third article of amendment thereto granting the people of the District of Columbia the right to vote in presidential elections, the Delegate to the Congress from the District of Columbia shall be permitted to cast a vote in the House of Representatives in the same manner as a member of the House in the consideration by the House of any resolution impeaching the President or Vice President of the United States.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1 shall apply with respect to any resolution impeaching the President or Vice President of the United States that is considered by the House of Representatives after the adoption of this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) will appear in the RECORD at this point. The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

□ 1500

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Without objection, the gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I asked for this 1 minute for purposes of discussing the calendar for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Speaker, of course, as we all know, we have been called back to

Washington in this session late in the year for the purpose of considering House Resolution 611. There is, of course, a uniform agreement across the country and between both sides of the aisle, as well as the White House, that the Congress fulfill this constitutional responsibility as soon as possible. We have been called upon to do so on so many times. And so, Mr. Speaker, you were quite right to call us back to take this up.

As you know further, Mr. Speaker, prior to your calling us back to town and prior to our taking up this resolution, we became engaged in hostile activities with Iraq. The House, quite appropriately, yesterday made the decision that we would devote today to a time where we would give deference to that activity and give or pay our respects and our tribute, exhibit our support for our troops in that activity. I am very gratified to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that it has been a very broad based bipartisan tribute to our troops and pledge of support to our troops' activity, but as those troops are engaged now, even now, defending the freedoms of this great Nation and the Constitution of this Nation, they have a right to know that the work of the Nation goes forward.

In consideration of this it is our intention, Mr. Speaker, to begin consideration of House Resolution 611 at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Should we do so under the regular order of the House, as has been the basis by which we have considered each resolution of impeachment brought to the House ever in the history of the Nation, there would be within the rules of the House that have prevailed for the last 200 years only a very limited time for debate. All of us in this body on both side of the aisle feel that that limited period of time is insufficient. Consequently we have worked very hard trying to reach an agreement by which we might have had a unanimous consent request to extend that time of debate. Had we been able to come to agreement on unanimous consent, we would have been able to proceed tomorrow at 10 o'clock, debate the resolution from 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock Saturday morning, giving all Members an opportunity to express their point of view on the matter. The debate would have been equally divided between the chairman, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), of the Committee on the Judiciary. On Saturday, 9:30 a.m., there would have been a quorum call, and at 10 a.m. there would have been a period of wrap up speeches for approximately one-half hour. After that, the minority would have offered a motion to recommend, perhaps, which would have been their right, and we would have allowed 10 minutes of debate on that motion for both sides, and we would have tried to complete this important work on Saturday afternoon so that in fact the need of this Nation for this to be completed would have been fulfilled.

Unfortunately, we are not able to gain that unanimous consent agreement, and therefore we must proceed at the outset tomorrow under the regular order with the limited time. We will between now and 10 a.m. tomorrow work diligently with the minority to try to find perhaps another agreement that might be able to in an orderly fashion extend the debate time in the interests of all Members wanting to participate. If we are not able to get that, there are prerogatives that rest with us by which, perhaps, we might even still be able to, and certainly the majority is willing to use those prerogatives to extend the debate time for a matter of this consequence.

I am presuming that the debate would go in an orderly manner with a demeanor that befits the stature of this great legislative body. We would exercise those prerogatives on behalf of all Members, but, as it stands now, Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that we must proceed tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., and we must proceed under the regular order of the House.

As I have said before, we will do everything we can on behalf of all Members wishing to participate to find some manner either by agreement and unanimous consent or by that exercise of the prerogatives of the body available to us under the rules of the House to afford more Members an opportunity to participate in this debate.

So that being the case, Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to inform Members that we will proceed tomorrow at 9 a.m. under regular order, and we will do so with the hope that perhaps we can extend this debate time to some reasonable measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. LIVINGSTON), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and Speaker-elect.

(Mr. LIVINGSTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the distinguished majority leader yielding to me, and I would hope that the Members of the minority might reconsider their position on this unanimous consent request because I think it is a reasonable one which would afford all Members the opportunity to discuss this very important subject. I think the concerns of the minority will be expressed by the distinguished minority leader shortly, and anticipation of his argument is that we are carrying on this activity at the same time as our troops are in the field, and that is true. For that very reason we adjourn today, canceled our plans to bring the issue of impeachment before the floor of the House today, as was planned and which was the reason that all Members are here at this time solely because the President has deployed the troops as recently as yesterday evening.

Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity of speaking with the President yesterday,