

purposes of learning the schedule for today, the rest of the week and the following week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

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

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Chairman, I would like to get through this as quickly as possible. I know that the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) and others have some time that they want to spend with respect to our friend and colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STOKES), and we certainly want to make sure that they have a good opportunity for that time.

So, Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded legislative business for the week.

The House will next meet on Monday, July 20, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2 o'clock p.m. for legislative business. We do not expect any recorded votes before 5 o'clock p.m. on Monday, July 20.

On Monday, July 20, we will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be distributed to Members' offices this afternoon.

After suspensions, the House will continue consideration of H.R. 2108, the Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997.

On Tuesday, July 21, the House will meet at 9 o'clock a.m. for morning hour and at 10 a.m. to consider the following legislation:

H.R. 4193, the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and H.R. 4194, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act.

On Wednesday, July 22, and the balance of the week, the House will consider H.J.Res. 121, a resolution disapproving of the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of the People's Republic of China, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations Act, and H.R. 4250, Patient Protection Act.

Mr. Chairman, we also expect to deal with the President's veto of H.R. 1122, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997, and, Mr. Chairman, we hope to conclude legislative business for the week by 2 o'clock p.m. on Friday, July 24.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Chairman, I thank my colleague, and I would just make the following comment, that we obviously have a very full and interesting and to some extent controversial schedule next week.

I would note that from the schedule that my friend from Texas read that the discussion on bipartisan campaign finance reform seems to be relegated to 1 day.

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The concern that I have, and I think is shared by some on your side of the aisle as well as those of us on this side

of the aisle, is we are not going to finish this bill by the next recess. As I understood it, there was a pledge to do that. We have had these pledges in the past. We are concerned, by only devoting one day next week to this bill, that we are not going to finish.

I would like to have some assurances from my colleague from Texas that indeed that is the intention, that we will devote the time that is necessary to finish this bill and move it forward, so we could get a bill that will reform our system by the end of this Congress.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield further, I thank the gentleman for his expression of concern and interest. I share the gentleman's commitment to completing this work before we leave for the August recess. That is a commitment that will, in fact, be met.

In that regard, let me say we do hope for and will be looking for opportunities in addition to those announced to bring that work back on the floor.

I might further and finally express with respect to this important legislation my appreciation for the floor managers and the other interested parties in this body for the congenial way in which they are managing to work out agreements by which we can better manage these works. It is through their congeniality and inventiveness that I remain confident that we will in fact have a satisfactory completion of this work, where everyone will know and appreciate they are being treated fairly by their own common agreements.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Chairman, I thank my colleague.

If I might just anticipate the remarks of my friend from California (Mr. LEWIS) that will be made shortly, let me say in advance I join him in more fuller remarks that he will be making Tuesday. However, I will withhold my remarks so I can more fully express my appreciation for someone that we have a joint warm feeling for in this institution.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) having assumed the chair, Mr. LAHOOD, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4194) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1999, CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 121, DISAPPROVING MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 22, 1998 to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 121) disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China;

that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment;

that all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration be waived;

that the joint resolution be debatable for 4 hours, equally divided and controlled by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in opposition to the resolution and a Member in support of the joint resolution;

that pursuant to sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and

that the provisions of sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1994 shall not otherwise apply to any joint resolution disapproving the extension of most-favored-nation treatment to the People's Republic of China for the remainder of the second session of the 105th Congress.

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I understand that there is an agreement on all sides about the division of debate time on this resolution, and I would like to ask the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON), the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Rules, his understanding of that agreement.

The unanimous consent request provides, I understand, 4 hours of debate, equally divided between supporters and opponents of the Solomon resolution. It is my understanding the 2 hours of the debate in support of the resolution will be controlled by a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK), with the understanding that he will yield half of that time to a majority member of the committee, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. CHRISTENSEN); and the 2 hours of debate in opposition to the resolution will be controlled by a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CRANE), with the understanding he will yield half of his time to the gentleman from California (Mr. MATSUI).

I would ask the gentleman, is that the intent of this unanimous consent request?

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentlewoman, if she would

continue to yield, that, yes, it is. We have 4 hours of debate. We would like to make sure half of that time on each side of the aisle is divided equally among those opponents and proponents of the legislation. The gentlewoman has explained it exactly right.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

#### DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 501 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4194.

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#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4194) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, with Mr. HULSHOF (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole House rose earlier today, the bill had been read through page 52, line 2.

The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

#### CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES CAP

SEC. 209. Section 105(a)(8) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(8)) is amended by striking "1998" and inserting "1999".

#### TITLE III—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

##### AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one for replacement only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such countries; \$26,431,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That where station allowance has been authorized by the Department of the Army for officers of the Army serving the Army at certain foreign stations, the same allowance shall be authorized for officers of the Armed Forces assigned to the Commission while serving at the same foreign stations, and this appropriation is hereby made available for the payment of such

allowance: *Provided further*, That when traveling on business of the Commission, officers of the Armed Forces serving as members or as Secretary of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses as provided for civilian members of the Commission: *Provided further*, That the Commission shall reimburse other Government agencies, including the Armed Forces, for salary, pay, and allowances of personnel assigned to it.

#### CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses in carrying out activities pursuant to section 112(r)(6) of the Clean Air Act, as amended, including hire of passenger vehicles, and for services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376, \$6,500,000: *Provided*, That the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board shall have not more than three career Senior Executive Service positions.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For grants, loans, and technical assistance to qualifying community development lenders, and administrative expenses of the Fund, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for ES-3, \$80,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000, of which \$12,000,000 may be used for the cost of direct loans, and up to \$1,000,000 may be used for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program: *Provided*, That the cost of direct loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$32,000,000: *Provided further*, That not more than \$25,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading may be used for programs and activities authorized in section 114 of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994.

#### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, including hire of passenger motor vehicles, services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376, purchase of nominal awards to recognize non-Federal officials' contributions to Commission activities, and not to exceed \$500 for official reception and representation expenses, \$46,000,000. No funds shall be expended in promulgating a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or Final Rule under the Flammable Fabrics Act, which could directly or indirectly lead to increased chemical treatment of upholstery fabrics, unless the published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or Final Rule includes the final recommendations of the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel.

#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OPERATING EXPENSES

Of the funds appropriated under this heading in Public Law 105-65, the Corporation for National and Community Service shall use

such amounts of such funds as may be necessary to carry out the orderly termination of (1) the programs, activities, and initiatives under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (Public Law 103-82); the Corporation; and (3) the Corporation's Office of Inspector General: *Provided*, That such sums shall be utilized to resolve all responsibilities and obligations in connection with said Corporation and the Corporation's Office of Inspector General.

#### COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the operation of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals as authorized by 38 U.S.C. sections 7251-7298, \$10,195,000, of which \$865,000, shall be available for the purpose of providing financial assistance as described, and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set forth, under this heading in Public Law 102-229.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including the purchase of one passenger motor vehicle for replacement only, and not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$11,666,000, to remain available until expended.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

For science and technology, including research and development activities, which shall include research and development activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended; necessary expenses for personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; procurement of laboratory equipment and supplies; other operating expenses in support of research and development; construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$656,505,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That the obligated balance of such sums shall remain available through September 30, 2007 for liquidating obligations made in fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

For environmental programs and management, including necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; purchase of reprints; library memberships in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; and not to exceed \$6,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$1,856,000,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That the obligated balance of such