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HON. ARTHUR G. KLEIN
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLEIN. Mr. Speaker, I have just

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cause of my confidence in members of the Committees on Armed Services and on Rules whom I know well. Their assurance that the secrecy which surrounded committee consideration was only to safeguard our national security persuaded me, and at the last moment, not to oppose the bill on grounds of inadequate consideration and dangerous secrecy.

I do want to go on record that I regard this kind of legislative proceeding in the United States as dangerous and subversive to our form and philosophy of government.

We have a wonderful tradition in the United States of open debate on all legislation.

I am fearful that the secrecy of consideration of this measure, the so-called "spy" bill, sets an example which we will regret. This country must, as a matter of reality, have its own espionage network, whether we like the word spying or not, but even after my vote, I dislike

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But if this measure passes for the proper administration of the law, I will

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HOUSE

ADJOURNMENT OVER

Mr. McCORMACK: Mr. Speaker, House adjourns today it adjourns on Monday next.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts: Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I inquire what the program will be for next week?

Mr. McCORMACK: On Monday the Consent Calendar will be called.

Several bills are reported on the Consent Calendar.

H. R. 2546 relates to radar protection for our country. H. R. 1741 is known as the guided missiles bill and H. R. 2663 relates to the Central Intelligence Unit. H. R. 2216 provides an additional Under Secretary of Defense. Senate-Joint Resolution 36 deals with Arab and Jewish refugees of Palestine.

I want to make one correction however. The bill H. R. 2663, the central intelligence bill may be brought up under suspension of the rules on Monday.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts: Might we inquire of the Speaker, if there are any other suspensions that he has in mind at this time.

The SPEAKER: No.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts: The bill to which the distinguished majority leader referred is the so-called hush-hush bill?

Mr. McCORMACK: That is the bill where the committee had to receive testimony in executive session on a certain part of the bill but not the entire bill. That was on a good proportion of the bill and insofar as that has relationship to hush-hush the answer is "Yes."

On Wednesday the Labor and Federal Security appropriation bill will be taken up.

Thursday and Friday I am leaving open. It all depends on whether the rent control bill comes out of the committee, which I expect. Then there is the wage-hour bill, that is the minimum-wage bill, and the amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act. If either one of them are reported out, it is my intention to bring one of them up and if possible, both of them on Thursday or Friday, but I doubt if both can be brought up on those days. But I would like to have that flexible reservation so that the House and every Member will feel that I am keeping faith with them.

The SPEAKER: Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

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Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of the Committee on Intelligence Administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, established pursuant to section 102, National Security Act of 1949, are reported.

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Committee on Rules: Approved rules for House consideration of the following-

H. Res. 128, open rule on H. R. 1741, to establish long-range guided missiles proving ground. Representatives Brooks and Short spoke in favor of this resolution.

H. Res. 129, open rule on H. R. 2546, to establish radar air-warning system. Representative Durham favored this resolution.

H. Res. 130, closed rule on H. R. 2663, providing for administration of the CIA. Representatives Sasser, Short, and Brooks spoke in behalf of the closed rule.

Representative Wolcott supported the closed rule.

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(Week of March 7-12)

Monday, Call of bills on the Consent Calendar and may consider H. R. 2663, to provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, under suspension of the rules.

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