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SPEAKER MOORE: The House will come to order. Members will take their seats. Visitors will retire from the chamber. The Sergeant-at-Arms will close the doors. We’d ask members to please take your seats. Today’s prayer will be offered by Representative Shepard. We’d ask all members and all guests in the gallery to please stand for the prayer and to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Shepard.

(PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.)

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will read the Proclamation from the governor.

(Proclamation from the governor read by clerk.)

REP. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will suspend. For what purpose does the gentleman from Harnett, Representative Lewis, arise?

REP. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I’m having difficulty hearing the clerk.

SPEAKER MOORE: Members -- Members, please take your seats. If members need to have conversations, please step outside the chamber. It will be a few minutes before any votes are taken, but the clerk is reading the proclamation from the governor. And the Chair is trying to give leeway knowing a lot of us haven’t seen each other in a few months. But we’d ask you to give respect to your fellow members to be able to hear. The clerk will continue.

(Appointment of Gregory F. Murphy read by clerk.)

(Appointment of Kyle Hall read by clerk.)

SPEAKER MOORE: Members, I just want to direct your attention, we have a court reporter today observing the proceedings because of this redistricting. That is one additional reason to try to hold the talking down. She has a little difficulty because she is literally -- as we’re -- as she’s hearing what’s being said, she is speaking into that thing, it looks like a breathing thing, so that it’s recorded. So if you could try to keep the noise down so that she could hear as well.

The principal clerk has informed me that Representative Murphy subscribed to the Oath of Office on November 5, 2015. Although he is not here today, and has advised us that he is unable to be here, legislative redistricting, and so you’ll notice some differences there. So other bills are not eligible -- sorry, Representative Stam, you can’t file some of your other bills I know you wanted to do today. It’s just redistricting. That is all we will be dealing with this. I would expect that we will be here today and tomorrow. There will be, I’m sure, caucuses that the minority and the majority leader call. I know that the Redistricting Committee chaired by Representative Lewis will be meeting to take up the two different bills, and we’d ask members to -- we’ll keep everybody apprised of what we’re doing as the day goes on. Representative Lewis, the gentleman is recognized to send forth consideration -- a resolution. The clerk will read. Actually, the gentleman is allowed to send forth the resolution.

REP. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I have placed with the clerk a resolution for consideration by the body.

SPEAKER MOORE: The Chair directs that the principal clerk assign a number to the resolution. The House will be at ease momentarily.

CLERK: House Resolution 1, the House Resolution adopting the permanent rules of the 2016 Extra Session of the North Carolina House of Representatives.
SPEAKER MOORE: House Resolution 1, as the clerk has read. Representative Lewis is recognized, the Chair orders that House Resolution 1 be counted. 


SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Harnett, Representative Lewis, is recognized to debate the Resolution. 

REP. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. To save time, I will point out sections that I think the members will consider important in casting their vote in support of this resolution. 

First of all, I will point out a small change to our regular rules, which appears on the first page starting at line 29, continuing through line 31. This establishes the Committee on Redistricting. It also makes clear that rules applying to other committees during this special session pursuant to the calling of this session by the governor would be inoperative. 

That means that the only committees that would be authorized to meet during this session would be the Committee on Rules, Calendaring and Operations of the House, the Committee on Ethics, and the Committee on Redistricting. 

On page 2 starting at line 3 you will see that the only bills that are eligible to be considered during this session pursuant to the call of the governor are bills adopting new redistricting plans for the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and bills providing for the scheduling and implementation of the congressional primary election in 2016. Those are the only bills that will be considered during this session. 

Lines 12 through 14 make clear that a resolution or bill may be placed on the calendar without first being referred by the Speaker to a committee and it may be referred on the same legislative day that it is introduced or upon its receipt from the Senate. 

Page 2, lines 19 through 21 make clear that the Speaker will give notice at each reading if the bill is being heard on its second or third reading. 

Page 2, lines 23 and 24 make clear that a bill may be read more than once on the same day. 

Page 2, line 25 through 32 is probably the most relevant and operative part of this that members should take notice of. This rule says that no amendment may be offered on the floor of the House unless that amendment was proposed in committee. It also says, any member of the House may propose an amendment in committee whether or not that member of the House is a member assigned to that committee. Any amendment must replace the entire text of the bill that is being amended and be accompanied by a map showing all of the congressional districts in the state. 

I'll pause for just a moment to say what this means is members that wish to offer amendments are certainly encouraged and empowered to do so, but it would need to be an amendment that includes all 13 districts. And it would first have to be offered in the Redistricting Committee before it could be offered on the floor of the House. 

Further, lines 31 and 32 clarify that this subsection applies only to amendments on a bill adopting new redistricting plans for the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States. Therefore, amendments to bills that set the primary dates and the whatnot would operate under our regular rules. 

Mr. Speaker, this concludes my presentation. I would urge members to adopt these rules, and I will be happy to yield to any inquiries. 

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Durham, Representative Hall, arise? 

REP. L. HALL: Question of the resolution sponsor. 

SPEAKER MOORE: Does the gentleman from Harnett yield to the gentleman from Durham? 

REP. LEWIS: I yield. 

SPEAKER MOORE: He yields. 

REP. L. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, Representative Lewis, I just wanted to clarify that what we're saying here, line 25 on page 2, is that unless you have your amendment ready in committee during the time that the committee is hearing this bill, you can't take information from that committee, whatever you learned, and go to staff and get it put into a bill covering those 13 districts and then submit it on the floor? You would have to know in the committee beforehand, you can't take what you learned in the committee and put it into a bill -- amendment to be put on the floor; is that correct? 

REP. LEWIS: You are reading that correct. Yes, sir. 

REP. L. HALL: Follow-up. 

SPEAKER MOORE: Does the gentleman from Harnett yield to an additional question from the gentleman from Durham?
REP. LEWIS: I yield.

SPEAKER MOORE: He yields.

REP. L. HALL: Is there going to be some special staff support at the committee meetings today so that people can, in fact, do that? Have special arrangements been made so that they can do that on the spot?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Representative Hall. To be clear, we have provided for, I think, additional special staff support. The central staff is certainly aware of the urgency of this and is prepared to -- or are prepared to respond to inquiries as timely as they can. I would also point out that the Senate Committee will take up -- the Senate Committee and the Senate will take up this bill before it comes to the House, which means we probably have five or six -- seven, hopefully not seven, but five or six hours that will pass before the House Committee on Redistricting would meet. So there is some time today to work on those. And, of course, there would be time to work on them during the committee as well. And might we speak just to the members as to the rationale behind this. It is simply a very labor-intensive undertaking for the staff to be able to print the maps, the stat packs, and things that members have to have in order to be able to present this. And so what we're trying to do is make sure that there are as few of mistakes as possible in that. So we felt if the amendment was heard in a committee, whether or not it was passed, at least it would be complete and then could be considered on the floor if that's what members chose to do.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion, further debate? For what purpose does the gentleman from Durham, Representative Hall, arise?

REP. L. HALL: Just to comment on the resolution, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor to debate the resolution.

REP. L. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I really want to make sure we take note of the fact that, keeping in mind the effort that is being made here, that we are saying, as I indicated, that after we leave that committee meeting, whatever review we are doing or whatever else happens, we cannot improve this plan when we come to the floor. We do know that we have people across North Carolina, this is potentially going to affect several elections, that would be interested or have expertise or will be affected by this. And so, I am just concerned about the fact that we're going to cut off, in some way, our ability to take what we learn in the committee, review it between then and session and then be able to do that. So I just want to make a note of that for the record. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Harnett, Representative Lewis, arise?

REP. LEWIS: To debate the resolution a second time.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor to debate the resolution a second time.

REP. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And members, I only wanted to state for the record that these rules are largely the exact same rules that we have used since 1998. That is when we went to draft the rules, and members are certainly free to go back and look. Whenever there's been a special session on redistricting, this has been the rules.

SPEAKER MOORE: Further discussion, further debate?

If not those in favor will vote "aye," those opposed will vote "no." The clerk will open the vote.

Representative Johnson of Guilford, does the gentleman wish to record on this vote?

The clerk will lock the machine and record the vote: 91 having voted in the affirmative and 17 in the negative. House Resolution 1 is adopted and ordered printed.

The Committees on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House, Ethics and Redistricting have been activated to meet under the rules. Pursuant to House Resolution 1, the members of the Rules Committee and the Ethics Committee are the same as those appointed for the 2015 session.

The Chair makes the following committee appointments, the clerk will read.

(Committee appointments read by clerk.)

SPEAKER MOORE: The clerk will suspend.

Representative Jordan, will the gentleman please approach the desk?

Congratulations, Mr. Chairman. The Clerk will continue.

(Appointments read by clerk.)

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Fraley, if the gentleman will approach the desk, please.

The clerk will continue.

(Appointments read by clerk.)

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Goodman, if the gentleman would approach the desk, please.

Yes, Goodman of Rockingham, I think there was...
The only other piece of business that we would probably do when we return at 2:30 would be to adopt the adjournment resolution that we would send over to the Senate as well.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purposes does the gentleman from Durham, Representative Michaux, arise?

REP. MICHUAUX: To ask Representative Lewis a question.

SPEAKER MOORE: Does the gentleman from Harnett yield to the gentleman from Durham?

REP. LEWIS: I yield.

SPEAKER MOORE: He yields.

REP. MICHUAUX: Representative Lewis, yesterday in the special committee meeting, certain information was requested from some members of that committee. Is that information going to be available to us today?

REP. LEWIS: Thank you for that question, Representative. I am aware that the information was requested, Co-Chairman Rucho and I directed staff to give that very high priority. The information, I believe, was requested by Senator McKissick of Durham. I do not know if it has been provided to him or not. I will commit to you that I will sit down and send an e-mail to staff to remind them if they have not done that, to make sure it is getting the attention that it needs.

SPEAKER MOORE: Members, before we open it up to notices and announcements, the Chair wants to make an announcement or point of personal privilege.

As many of you know, our clerk, Denise Weeks, sent out an e-mail yesterday. I tried to keep it from going out, and I've tried to talk her out of it. I don't think I'm going to succeed. But after years of faithful service, Ms. Weeks has announced that she is going to be retiring, effective May 1. I can tell you that I consider her a friend. She tries to keep me between the lines up here as well as she can. And she is not only a friend to me personally, she is a friend to everyone in this House and to this institution. I would tell you that a lot of the things you see that happen here, they don't just happen magically. They don't just occur. The only way that we are able to do the people's business is by having really good staff who make sure that we get that done. And Ms. Weeks has been a leader through changes of political power, and everything else. She has been very fair and very knowledgeable, knows these rules, loves this institution and loves this state. It will be our loss when she retires, but I know she has great ideas and plans and things she's going to do. But I would ask my
colleagues to please join me in thanking Ms. Weeks for her service.

Representative Stam, the Chair would allow -- would recognize you to file a bill to outlaw her retirement. I will make a deviation from the rules for that purpose if the gentleman would like.

REP. STAM: Would you recognize me for a very short personal privilege?

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman from Wake, Representative Stam, is recognized to speak to a point of personal privilege.

REP. STAM: A few of you may remember that in 2003, we had a little disagreement in the House here, and Ms. Weeks presided for about a week, if I recall. And at the conclusion of that it did not turn out well. Her presiding was great. I made the suggestion to our caucus that we elect her as the Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker -- well, I don't want to make that motion.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman's motion that he thought was out of order, but probably would get a lot of votes.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Rutherford, Representative Hager, arise?

REP. HAGER: For an announcement, for we are at that time.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor for an announcement.

REP. HAGER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans will caucus immediately after the speaker recesses this body in room 544.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Cabarrus, Representative Pittman, arise?

REP. PITTMAN: Point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized to speak to a point of personal privilege.

REP. PITTMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I was at Southeastern Seminary over here in Wake Forest nearby, a couple of things they taught us as aspiring young pastors, one thing was that any church looking for a new pastor is trying to find somebody that is 29-years-old with 35 years' experience. And the other thing was to be very aware of who the previous pastor was because you may have some -- you know, a hard act to follow. So I don't know how much experience our next clerk will have but they're going to have a hard act to follow. And we do appreciate Ms. Weeks very much. I know she was very helpful to me when I first came up here and didn't know what was going on. And she has been helpful ever since. I do know a little bit more about what is going on, but I very much appreciate her help, her kindness. And, you know, I don't have any idea what party she belongs to because she's never let that show that I can tell. And I do appreciate very much the hard work and the love that we all received from her. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Gaston, Representative Torbett, arise?

REP. TORBETT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To address one of your earlier concerns. When we received the notification of Ms. Weeks yesterday, after recovering from a sheer state of shock, in an absolute bipartisan effort, Representative Grier Martin and myself contacted our bill drafting department. And there is a bill being drafted now to disallow her retirement. But since we will not be back, hopefully, until after she has retired, we will effectively change that language to a recall language. And I hope everyone will have the opportunity to sign on and will do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Durham, Representative Michaux, arise?

REP. MICHAUX: Point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor to speak to a point of personal privilege.

REP. MICHAUX: Mr. Speaker and members of the House, I've been here for a few years, and one of the things that has been enjoyable about this has been working with Denise. Denise has been a good friend, and I have had the privilege of actually nominating Denise, seconding her nomination over the years to be the clerk of this House. Denise has reached a point in her life -- actually, what she's done is she's probably considered one of the most proficient clerks of anybody's House in country. The accolades heaped upon her by her fellow clerks across the country, with her election to various committees and to her leadership role in that organization, points to the fact that she has been a shining star as a clerk. There is no question about the fact, Mr. Speaker and members, that we're going to miss Denise because of her evenhandedness. I mean, even when I get to her and we have a disagreement, we smile at each other and disagree. I call her a word I shouldn't call her; she calls me what she shouldn't call me, smiling all the while. But it is going to be very difficult, Denise, to replace you. And I think you are aware that because what you have done to this institution is caused all of us to be infused with a degree -- a great degree of love for this institution. And it's been through your efforts that has that been done. I don't think there's
anybody in the State of North Carolina who deserves any more accolades than you because of the way that you have comported yourself and the way that you have run -- you have run this body. And I think everybody is aware of that, and we're going to miss you Denise.

There's no question about it. And I just wish you well, but I sure wish you'd stay around until I left.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Cumberland, Representative Floyd, arise?

REP. FLOYD: For two -- one, to speak upon a special privilege and then to see if the Rule Chair would yield for a question.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is first recognized to speak to a point of personal privilege.

REP. FLOYD: Mr. Speaker, I have already spoken with Denise concerning my concern about her departure and I don't want to go into detail what I shared with her; but I'm somewhat disappointed. I've only been here eight years and I didn't know that I caused that much chaos for her. But I have enjoyed my working relationship with her. Second, Mr. Speaker...

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor.

REP. FLOYD: Is to see if the Rule Chair would yield for a question.

SPEAKER MOORE: Will the gentleman from Harnett yield to the gentleman from Cumberland?

REP. LEWIS: I yield.

SPEAKER MOORE: He yields.

REP. FLOYD: Could you just go over that calendar one more time? At 1:00, you indicated that the Redistricting Committee will meet. Then at 2:30, we will come back and convene -- receive from the Senate. Could you just go over that and then if there is a third thing?

REP. LEWIS: Yes, sir. Representative, thank you for the question. It is anticipated that the Committee on Redistricting for the House will meet at 1:00. And the purpose of that meeting will be to consider a bill that reestablishes an election timeline for those seeking office -- or those seeking election to the U.S. House of Representatives. That will be the only bill considered at that time. Provided that goes as anticipated, we would report that bill out to the full House which will return into session at 2:30 to debate and hopefully pass that bill. And then the House would also receive the bill from the Senate that actually has the maps on it. The House will then go back into recess. The Committee on recess would reconvene to debate the report from the Senate of the maps and when that debate is completed the Committee on Redistricting would issue a report to the full House for its consideration. I am not prepared at this time because I've not really -- the Speaker and I have not had time to fully comprehend how long the debate on the House Committee on Redistricting may go. I do not know if the House will take up the redistricting maps tonight or if it will be tomorrow. That may be a question better directed to the Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: Representative Floyd, the -- anticipating that question, I'll go ahead and address that directly. Today the intent is going to be, and I believe the Rules Chairman is going to announce the Redistricting Committee will be meeting at 1:00 today. So we're going to recess -- when we go into recess in a few minutes, we're going to go into recess until 2:30.

If that Redistricting Committee is still meeting at the time 2:30 rolls around or 2:15, we will simply delay the start of session until we get back from that. So we're not going to be compressed. But we didn't want to set -- we didn't want to say 3:00 or 4:00 or something late and then wind up having a couple of hours of just dead time in between. So whatever time is needed for the Redistricting Committee to do its work will be afforded. As far as session this evening, we're going to -- I know -- what is going to happen, Representative Jones, during the recess, will be filing the bill that deals with the primary dates and the filing and so forth. That will be heard this afternoon in the Redistricting Committee Hearing. Again, if we have to delay things, we're going to re-recess subject to all sorts of contingencies so that we can do that and not get off schedule. As far as how late we're here, I don't know how late that will be. We'll have to just see how long -- how long things take during the day because we also have to receive the maps from the Senate. And the Chair would intend, if we can, to try to vote on those today. But we will just have to be mindful of the clock and where we are.

REP. FLOYD: Another follow-up question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized.

REP. FLOYD: For the Rules Chair.

SPEAKER MOORE: Does the gentleman yield?

REP. LEWIS: I yield, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: He yields.

REP. FLOYD: Mr. Chair, could you give us the room number? Because I don't want to go to the wrong one.

REP. LEWIS: Yes, sir. Mr. Speaker, may I be recognized for an announcement?
SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized for an announcement.

REP. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The House Committee Redistricting will meet at 1:00 p.m. today in room 643. But I would encourage members, and also those listening in of the public, if for some reason the Senate is still occupying that room, we would have to change the room to room 544. But we anticipate the Senate would be completed with the room by 1:00.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the lady from Buncombe, Representative Fisher, arise?

REP. FISHER: For a moment of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MOORE: The lady is recognized to speak to a moment of personal privilege.

REP. FISHER: I just wanted to continue, just a little bit, the recognition of our clerk. I think that as many have already said, we will find it very difficult to replace Denise. I know that when I first got here about six years ago, you could not have found anyone more helpful in terms of orienting one to this place. And I know that she immediately recognized that I was from Asheville just by my clothes. And she said, “I know the boutique you would like.” And so we took a little field trip one afternoon after session, and she let me know the boutique that she thought that I would like. And, of course, that’s kind of stuck with me.

There was another occasion where a number of her colleagues throughout the country decided they would meet in Asheville. And we made some arrangements for them to go to different places and make sure that they were well accommodated, and I know that I met them at one point at dinner. And you cannot believe -- and this has really always stuck with me, the respect that she receives from her colleagues from across the United States. And I think that that is such a testament to the fortune -- the good fortune that we have had here in this General Assembly to have had her expertise with us for the length of time we have had. I will miss my July birthday buddy. And I do hope -- I know I will see you in May, or just a little bit before you go, but I do hope that you will keep us posted on your whereabouts and that you enjoy your time away. Thank you.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Onslow, Representative Shepard, arise?

REP. SHEPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a moment of personal privilege.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized to speak to a moment of personal privilege.

REP. SHEPARD: I won’t reiterate all that has been said about Denise, but I also want to thank her for the kindness that she showed me when I first came here also. But I want to share something with you that most of you may not know, some of you may, because she and I made a debut on YouTube one time. She’s probably the best clerk in the country, and she’s also probably the only clerk in the country that can clog as well as she can clerk. So if you didn’t see that, you need to look it up on YouTube. Thank you, Denise.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Caldwell, Representative Robinson, arise?

REP. ROBINSON: To speak to a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor to speak to a point of personal privilege.

REP. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is not often that I arise on the floor of this house, but I feel compelled to. Mickey, I think you’re probably the only one that started, maybe even before I did. My first term was 1981 and I remember Denise. I think you were here then when Grace Collins was clerk. And believe me, back then not only was I a true freshman, but I really didn’t know anything. And I remember I used to sign on bills and I would say, “Oh, my gosh. I don’t want to sign on that.” And then you’d go ask Denise to get your name removed. And then there were other bills that I wish I had signed on that she’d work with me on. Excused absences, I mean, you name them, Denise has helped me with them. And you’re going to be truly missed, believe me. When I think of the members that have passed through this assembly, the Speakers, Rules Chairman, you have -- will truly leave your imprint on this Body. Thank you so very much and God bless you in the future.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the gentleman from Wake, Representative Martin, arise?

REP. MARTIN: To speak to a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman has the floor to speak to a point of personal privilege.

REP. MARTIN: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Members, in maybe my third term here, I was starting to learn my way around, but I still would approach Speaker Hackney up on the podium with some trepidation. He had a way of scowling at you with his glasses hanging down his nose that wanted to scare you off. And I think he and Denise had sort of a good cop, bad cop routine because as Speaker Hackney was scowling at me,
inevitably Denise would be smiling, and she would try
to help me do what I wanted to do and leave it to
Speaker Hackney just to glare at me until I went away.
But then also sometimes I would walk up there, and I
would know I was in big trouble if Speaker Hackney was
smiling at me. And then I would see Denise glaring at
me, and I knew for sure whatever I wanted to do was not
going to get done.

As the gentleman from Gaston, Representative
Torbett, said, he and I are conspiring to file a bill
in the short session that would make it illegal for
Denise to retire and essentially keep her at her desk
until we pull her corpse away from it many decades in
the future. Now, we have some concerns from some
lawyers that requiring someone to spend time in a room
with 120 obnoxious people constitutes cruel and unusual
punishment under the United States Constitution.
However, I've consulted with that eminent lawyer,
Representative David Lewis, and he assures us that that
would be both fair and legal.

SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the
gentleman from Craven, Representative Speciale, arise?
REP. SPECIALE: Moment of personal privilege.
SPEAKER MOORE: The gentleman is recognized to
speak to a point of personal privilege.

REP. SPECIALE: All right. I think all of us
have something, somewhere along the line, that we can
say in thanks to Denise. So I'm just going to say
thank you and I honestly think her biggest
accomplishment is that she allowed a series of Speakers
to actually believe that they were in charge.
SPEAKER MOORE: For what purpose does the
gentleman from Harnett, Representative Lewis, arise?
REP. LEWIS: For a motion, Mr. Speaker.
SPEAKER MOORE: Are there any further notices
and announcements before I recognize the recess motion?
The gentleman is now recognized for the motion.
REP. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, subject to the filing of bills and the
referral of bills and resolutions to Committee, I move
the House to now adjourn to reconvene at 2:30 p.m.--
Pardon me, Mr. Speaker.
SPEAKER MOORE: For what does -- would the
gentleman modify his motion to recess by also making it
subject to receipt of messages from the Senate, receipt
of committee reports?
REP. LEWIS: Yes, sir.
SPEAKER MOORE: And introduction of bills and
resolutions?
REP. LEWIS: Yes, sir. Mr. Speaker, and to be