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Dear Mike:

I thought you would be interested in the House
debate and votes on the Alaska National Interest Lands
Conservation Act on May 19, 1978.

Very truly yours,

BIRCH, HORTON, BITTNER & MONROE


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House concludes the legislation, we will finish at 3 p.m.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Yes, it is the intention of the leadership to adjourn the House at 3 o'clock for the weekend.

Mr. BAUMAN. Could the gentleman from Illinois tell me the status of House Resolution 1192, regarding cutting off aid to Korea? The Speaker announced yesterday that the resolution would be on the suspension calendar on Tuesday, and I was given to understand in debate yesterday by the majority leader that there was great urgency attached to it. It has disappeared, apparently.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. The resolution has been referred to the Committee on International Relations, and subsequent to resolution in that committee it will be subject to floor consideration.

Mr. BAUMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have one last question. I notice that the gentleman says that we will be in session next week every day until 6:30 p.m. except Thursday. Is it the intention to stay as late as is necessary on Thursday to finish business?

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. We all know that on Thursday we are looking forward to the long weekend. There is a possibility that we may adjourn earlier than 6:30. I am hoping it will be by 5 o'clock.

Mr. BAUMAN. I would concur in that hope, but the only reason I ask is that the leadership has listed the FEC authorization as the last item of business. I know there may be some controversy with respect to that. I suppose we could assume that it might fall by the wayside.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Certainly this is very bold scheduling. Should we, however, get to the FEC authorization early in the day, I am sure we could conclude that in no time. However, if we get bogged down, I am sure it will go over until some time in the future.

Mr. BAUMAN. I thank the gentleman.

HOUSE SHOULD APPROVE RESOLUTION THREATENING TO CUT OFF NONMILITARY AID TO SOUTH KOREA PENDING TESTIMONY BY FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO BEFORE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE

(Mr. ERTEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ERTEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to approve a resolution which threatens to cut off non-military aid to South Korea unless that country cooperates in making former Ambassador Kim Dong Jo available to the House Ethics Committee.

This resolution is similar to my own which was introduced several months ago demanding that the former Ambassador answer a number of questions about his involvement in alleged payoffs to a number of Members of Congress. More than 100 of our colleagues have joined me in sponsoring this resolution, and I am heartened that the House has finally agreed to vote on this sordid affair.

In 1976, even before a number of us were sworn in as new Members of the

House, many of us urged the House to act on the question of illegal South Korean influence buying on Capitol Hill. After much delay the House Ethics Committee responded and followed by naming Leon Jaworski to head the investigation into this alleged influence buying.

Mr. Jaworski has pursued his mission diligently. He was instrumental in gaining the return of Tongsun Park and uncovering several instances of illegal payments to former Members of Congress. Mr. Jaworski has continued to push for the testimony of Kim Dong Jo, and I have been pleased to help in this fight with the introduction of my resolution and the subsequent signatures of 106 of our colleagues.

All of the facts of these alleged illegal payments must be brought into the open. We cannot condone Members of Congress accepting payments "under the table." Neither can we turn our back on a foreign country's attempting to subvert our system of government by "buying" the peoples' elected Representatives. We must know the full story in order to punish the guilty and to prevent it from happening again.

During the debate on the point of order on the motion by the majority leader, various people were concerned why the International Relations Committee did not have the opportunity to have hearings on the majority leader's motion. All I can say is "why didn't they conduct hearings on my resolution for the past months they have had that resolution?" After all, about 25 percent of this membership were cosponsors of that resolution.

It is time for this body to act. We have delayed long enough. Maybe those 100 and some Members on my resolution can now ask what the rest of the House has been doing these past months.

By approving this resolution we will be making it unmistakably clear to South Korea that we will not tolerate any further delay in getting answers from former Ambassador Kim. In addition, and just as important, we will show the American people that this body is truly committed to getting to the bottom of this despicable affair. To do less is to condone the actions alleged. The motion of the leadership is mild compared to the alleged subversion of this Congress by a foreign power. If this is the action of an ally, I wonder what our enemies are doing to subvert our constitutional form of government.

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I have taken this time to further explain the schedule for next week for the benefit of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. BAUMAN) and the Members.

It is the intention of the leadership to put in at some place during next week the bill H.R. 10729, Commerce Department authorizations for fiscal year 1979 with an open rule and 1 hour of debate

and H.R. 7814, flexible and compressed work schedules for Federal employees also under an open rule with 1 hour of debate.

That legislation originally was scheduled to be considered today; however, it will be put in, as I say, sometime before the FEC legislation is considered next week, which again makes the schedule for next week quite full.

PERMISSION FOR SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1978, SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the Speaker to declare a recess on Thursday, May 25, 1978, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in this Chamber former Members of the Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ERTEL). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS CONSERVATION ACT OF 1978

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 39) to designate certain lands in the State of Alaska as units of the national park, national wildlife refuge, wild and scenic rivers and national wilderness preservation systems, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. UDALL).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SCHULZE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 280, nays 8, not voting 146, as follows:

[Roll No. 337]

YEAS—280

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Ammerman	Blount	Byron
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Bauman	Burgener	Corman
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Beard, Tenn.	Burke, Mass.	Coughlin
Bedell	Burleson, Tex.	Cunningham
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