revered American leaders like civil rights advocate Martin Luther King, for his tireless efforts to improve social equality. In addition to playing a pivotal role in creating modern India, Gandhi's work provides a model for generations to come.

Today's measure builds on earlier Congressional efforts to honor Gandhi. In 1994, on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Gandhi's birth, I authored a resolution to honor Gandhi's unwavering dedication to India's people and a man whose name has come to symbolize freedom and justice around the world.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its India's independence, it is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Gandhi's legacy with the establishment of a memorial in the nation's capital, where people from all around the world can gather to commemorate and reflect on Gandhi's life and vision. I am proud to join my colleagues in voting for this important measure.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4284.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and add extraneous material on H.R. 4284.

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

There was no objection.

IRRIGATION PROJECT CONTRACT EXTENSION ACT OF 1998

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2795) to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2795

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998''.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall extend each of the water service or repayment contracts for the Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project identified in subsection (c) until December 31, 2000.

(b) EXTENSIONS COTERMINOUS WITH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—If the cooperative agreement entitled ''Cooperative Agreement for Platte River Research and other Efforts Relating to Endangered Species Habitats Along the Central Platte River, Nebraska'', entered into by the Governors of the States of Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado and the Secretary of the Interior, is extended for a term beyond December 31, 2000, the contracts identified in subsection (c) shall be extended for the same term, but not to go beyond December 31, 2001. If the cooperative agreement terminates prior to December 31, 2000, the contracts identified in subsection (c) shall be subject to renewal on the date that the cooperative agreement terminates.

(c) CONTRACTS.—The contracts identified in this subsection are—

(1) the contract between the United States and the New Grattan Ditch Company for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–7591), dated March 7, 1974;

(2) the contract between the United States and Burbank Ditch for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–6614), dated May 23, 1969;

(3) the contract between the United States and the Torrington Irrigation District for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–1771), dated July 14, 1958;

(4) the contract between the United States and the Lucerne Canal and Power Company for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–1740, as amended), dated June 12, 1958, and amended June 10, 1960;

(5) the contract between the United States and the Wright and Murphy Ditch Company for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–1741), dated June 12, 1958;

(6) the contract between the United States and the Bridgeport Irrigation District for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–8376, renumbered 6–07–70–W0126), dated July 9, 1976;

(7) the contract between the United States and the Enterprises Irrigation District for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–1742), dated June 12, 1958;

(8)(A) the contract between the United States and the Mitchell Irrigation District for an increase in carryover storage capacity in Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–1743, renumbered 8–07–70–W0056 Amendment No. 1), dated March 22, 1985; and

(B) the contract between the United States and the Mitchell Irrigation District for water service from Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 14–06–700–1743, renumbered 8–07–70–W0056) dated June 12, 1958; and

(9) the contract between the United States and the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District for repayment of allocated irrigation costs of Glendo Reservoir (Contract No. 5–07–70–W0734), dated December 31, 1984.

(d) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section precludes the Secretary of the Interior from making an extension under subsection (a) or (b) in the form of annual extensions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE).

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2795 provides for the extension of certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Nebraska and Wyoming that receive water from Glendo Reservoir.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BARRETT) who is the author of the bill.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. I thank the gentleman for yielding this time to me, and, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in full support of H.R. 2795, the Irrigation Project Contract and Extension Act. The bill is vitally important to many, including several irrigation projects in my district.

Let me first thank the subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE), for his work and the work of his staff in bringing the bill to the floor today; also to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Mrs. CUBIN) and to her staff as well for their diligence and hard work in this matter. Representative CUBIN and I introduced this bill last November, and there have been many days since that we struggled with whether or not the bill would come to the floor. I again thank the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) and others for their work, and that is why I am so especially pleased to encourage my colleagues to support the bill today.

The Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act would extend for 2 years the contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and several different kinds of water users in Nebraska and Wyoming, and earlier this year a memorandum of agreement was signed by Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The MOA requires a study of endangered species' habitats along the Platte River. The water users, including four irrigation districts in Nebraska, will be a part of this study, but the study will not be completed until the year 2000, and during that time the water contracts of course will have expired. Well, this bill provides additional time so that the water users would not have to conduct a separate and superfluous ESA study before the end of the year.

So again I thank the subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2795.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2795. In addition to providing for continued water deliveries to irrigators, this legislation will allow work to continue on the environmental impact statement, our plan to improve wildlife habitat in the central Platte region in Nebraska. Endangered Species Act compliance will also continue during the term of the contracted extension. The committee agreed to the amendments suggested by the administration which ensure that the water contracts are not extended indefinitely. It is my understanding the administration has no objection to the enactment of the bill as reported by the Committee on Resources. I thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on Water Power for his cooperation, and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2795.

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House is considering this legislation today