

For example, in the peanut industry, we have over 150,000 U.S. jobs that are directly related to the peanut industry. It generates over \$6 billion a year in the economy of this country. It generates some \$200 million in exports. That is just one small segment of the agricultural community.

Why we have these programs is that in order for our farmers to be able to compete on the world market against countries like France and like Spain, who so heavily subsidize their farmers, we have to put our farmers on somewhat of a level playing field.

Even though our programs do not put them there, we are still way below the subsidies that are paid in France and in Spain, but we are putting our farmers in a position where they can compete in the global market.

As we move into the post NAFTA and post GATT era, we have to do a better job of that, and I just wanted to mention that because I know there are a lot of people out there that just think that subsidies are bad and they ought not be paid to farmers and they do not understand why farm programs even exist, and I wanted to mention that.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Georgia's contribution, and I would be happy to yield to the gentleman from North Carolina for any concluding remarks.

Mr. JONES. —I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, just very quickly, I wanted to repeat one figure I shared early on. The USDA spends \$16 million to administer and oversee the tobacco program, which, again, is a no net cost program. That \$16 million, I would mention to the gentleman from Illinois and Georgia, brings back in the way of revenues \$25.9 billion. You gentlemen are very smart, good businessmen, do not know anywhere where you can invest \$16 million and you can bring back \$29.9 million? I would buy that opportunity every day.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, that is a significant contribution.

Let me conclude by saying that we can reform farm programs to make them more accountable to taxpayers and program participants, but in doing so we must not take for granted the incredible success of American agriculture and the role prudent public policy has made to foster this success.

In conclusion, I want to mention that I have developed, like I know both of you gentleman have, a new respect for the men and women who till the soil, who work hard every day in terms of the crops that they grow. Since being elected to Congress, I have had several opportunities, as I know you have to meet the men and women who till the soil, and I have concluded that they love their way of life, are deeply proud of the country and the benefits it has bestowed on each of them, and ask for no compliments for feeding the world each and every day, but want, for their children, the ability to pass along the heritage and the fruits that they have

so richly worked for and who could ask for more than that.

I know each of you, as I do, commend those men and women who till the soil every day, and work hard every day, and make America the great country that it is, and provide the food and fiber for all Americans and many, many citizens in this country and around the world.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RAMSTAD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. BILBRAY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of official business.

Mr. VOLKMER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 6 p.m., on account of illness of spouse.

Mr. TORRES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of illness in the family.

Miss COLLINS of Michigan (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical illness.

Mr. JACOBS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for August 1 and 2, 1995, on account of dedication of U.S.S. *Indianapolis* Memorial in Indianapolis.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WARD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MONTGOMERY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MFUME) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FALCOMA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MONTGOMERY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes each day, today and July 25, 26, 27, and 28.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. WAXMAN, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$10,922.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MFUME) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. COLEMAN.

Mr. FROST.

Mr. MARKEY.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Ms. RIVERS.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. STUPAK.

Mr. STOKES.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. WELDON of Florida.

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. DEFAZIO, on H.R. 2002, in the Committee of the Whole today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 638. An act to authorize appropriations for United States insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1023. An act to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight and Transportation and Infrastructure.

S.J. Res. 27. Joint resolution to grant the consent of the Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that the committee did on the following day present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following title:

On July 21, 1995:

H.R. 1944. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred at Oklahoma City, and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes