

another 10 years, just as we do. So what happens to the rest of that money? It does not go into the Medicare trust fund. Instead, it goes to pay for tax breaks for the very wealthy.

Mr. Speaker, those are the fact. We need to make an adjustment. An adjustment costs about \$90 billion. The Democrats are willing to make that \$90 billion adjustment. Why do we need to rest of the money? It does not go to the Medicare trust fund; it goes to the very wealthy.

THE COST OF SAVING MEDICARE

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, the basic lack of reality of what the Republicans are saying was addressed by my colleague a moment ago. The trustees tell us that \$90 billion is what is necessary to fix the Medicare trust fund for long-term solvency. The Republicans take \$270 billion, and they claim this is offered to save Medicare. If they were really honest about this, they would say, OK, we will reduce our tax cut from \$245 to \$155 billion and take that \$90 billion and give it to the Medicare trust fund.

But they are not honest about it. When the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL] offered that amendment in the Committee on Ways and Means, he was ruled out of order. We have already been told it will be ruled out of order if we were to offer it on the House floor tomorrow, because the Republicans are afraid to confront the reality and to let us show the American people what they really are talking about. They want the entire money for a tax cut for the rich and they do not dare say let us cut the tax cut and give \$90 billion to Medicare.

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MEDICARE ONLY NEEDS A \$90 BILLION CUT

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, as the House gets ready to vote on the Medicare proposals coming from the Republicans and the Committee on Ways and Means, it has become crystal clear what exactly is taking place now. It has become very clear you do not need to cut \$270 billion from Medicare to preserve it to the year 2006. We now see that that can be done for somewhere in the range of \$90 billion.

So what is it that is happening to the other \$170 billion that the Republicans are taking out of Medicare? What has become clear is this is the means by which they can provide the tax cut, the predominant benefits of which go to the wealthiest people in this country,

and still balance the budget. They cannot afford a tax cut. This country cannot afford a tax cut. We can only make room for that tax cut if we take an additional \$170 billion out of Medicare. That is unconscionable and it is wrong and it should be rejected.

PERMISSION FOR SUNDRY COMMITTEES AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT TODAY DURING 5-MINUTES RULE

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: The Committee on Commerce, the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Committee on International Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on National Security, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Science, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUNNING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland? There was no objection.

FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Pursuant to the order of the House of Monday, September 18, 1995, and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 39.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved 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 amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve fisheries management with Mr. BUNNING (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Monday, September 18, 1995, all time for general debate had expired.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the bill shall be considered under the 5-minute rule by sections and pursuant to the order of the House of Monday, September 18, 1995, each section shall be considered read.

The Clerk will designate section 1. The text of section 1 is as follows:

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 "Fishery Conservation and Management Amendments of 1995".

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the remainder of the amendment in the nature of a substitute be printed in the RECORD and open to amendment at any point.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alaska? There was no objection.

The text of the remainder of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute is as follows:

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF THE MAGNUSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

SEC. 3. FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICY.

(a) FINDINGS.—Section 2(a) (16 U.S.C. 1801(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—
(A) by striking "and (B)" and inserting "(B)"; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: "; and (C) losses of essential fishery habitat can diminish the ability of stocks of fish to survive";

(2) in paragraph (6) by inserting after "to insure conservation," the following: "to provide long-term conservation of essential fishery habitat,"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:
"(9) Continuing loss of essential fishery habitat poses a long-term threat to the viability of commercial and recreational fisheries of the United States. To conserve and manage the fishery resources of the United States, increased attention must be given to the protection of this habitat.".

(b) PURPOSES.—Section 2(b) (16 U.S.C. 1801(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (5);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:
"(7) to promote the conservation of essential fishery habitat in the review of projects that affect essential fishery habitat; and

"(8) to ensure that conservation and management decisions with respect to the Nation's fishery resources are made in a fair and equitable manner.".

(c) POLICY.—Section 2(c)(3) (16 U.S.C. 1801(c)(3)) is amended by inserting after "practical measures that" the following: "minimize bycatch and".

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

(a) EXECUTION OF PRIOR AMENDMENTS TO DEFINITIONS.—Notwithstanding section 308 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the designation of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary", approved March 9, 1992 (Public Law 102-251; 106 Stat. 66), section 301(b) of that Act (adding a definition of the term "special areas") shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) NEW AMENDMENTS.—Section 3 (16 U.S.C. 1802) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking "COLEENTERATA" from the heading of the list of corals and inserting "CNIDARIA"; and