

paid for, the low cost, reliable power produced from this project would be available to serve the local area and would reduce power lost from wheeling over longer distances.

After repayment of revenue bonds, the benefits from power revenue would go to reducing future operation and maintenance costs of the irrigation system. The project also provides many short term benefits for the public at large including construction of a nearby campground and enhanced recreational fishing.

Mr. Speaker, there is strong support within the local community for this legislation, which was unanimously approved by the House Commerce Committee last month. All funding will come from bonds secured by the Power Purchase Agreement. No Federal funding is required.

Again, I thank my colleagues for their assistance in making possible the passage of H.R. 1014. I strongly urge this House to vote in favor of this measure.

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1014, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1014, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN WEST VIRGINIA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1051) to provide for the extension of certain hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1051

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

#### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission projects numbered 6901 and 6902, the Commission shall, upon the request of the licensee for those projects, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public

interest requirements of that section, the Commission's procedures under that section, and the procedures specified in that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of those projects so as to terminate on October 3, 1999.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall take effect for the projects upon the expiration of the extension, issued by the Commission under section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806), of the period required for commencement of construction of the projects.

(c) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If a license for a project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall reinstate the license effective as of the date of its expiration and extend the time required for commencement of construction of the project until October 3, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER].

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill would extend the deadline for construction of two projects in West Virginia with a capacity of 37 and 35 megawatts until October 3, 1999, which would extend the deadline to 10 years after the date the licenses were issued. The licensee, the city of New Martinsville, has already invested about \$4 million in planning and permitting. Project construction has not yet commenced because the licensee has been unable to secure a power sales contract needed to finance construction. The benefits of these projects are substantial. The licensee estimates construction will cost about \$200 million and create hundreds of jobs. This bill was introduced by our colleague, Mr. MOLLOHAN of West Virginia. The construction deadlines for these projects have already run out, but H.R. 1051 provides for reinstatement of the licenses.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, these two projects have achieved bipartisan support. I urge adoption of the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1051.

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. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1051, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### REINSTATING THE PERMIT AND EXTENDING THE FEDERAL POWER ACT DEADLINE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OREGON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1290) to reinstate the permit for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Oregon, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1290

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

#### SECTION 1. REINSTATEMENT OF PERMIT EXTENSION DEADLINE.

Notwithstanding the expiration of the permit and notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 7829, the Commission shall, at the request of the licensee for the project, reinstate the permit effective May 23, 1993, and extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project so as to terminate on May 25, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER].

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1290 would reinstate the license for a 1.9-megawatt project in Oregon effective May 23, 1993, and extend the deadline for construction to 10 years after the license was issued. The licensees for this project are the Talent, Rogue River Valley, and Medford irrigation districts. The licensees have not been able to begin construction, because of a lack of power sales contract needed to secure financing. This bill was introduced by our colleague, Representative COOLEY of Oregon. The license for this project was terminated by order of FERC on September 21, 1993, for failure to commence construction, but the bill would reinstate the license.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats on the Committee on Commerce supported H.R. 1290 without objection.