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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2695, as amended, directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of two hydro projects in Pennsylvania. These projects would be constructed at existing Army Corps of Engineer dams on the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers, and would have capacities of 12 and 20 megawatts. There is a need to act on this legislation, since the construction deadline for both projects expired on April 15, 1995. According to the project sponsors, construction has not commenced for lack of a power purchase agreement. H.R. 2695 was introduced by our colleague, Representative RON KLINK of Pennsylvania.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2695.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to thank the gentleman for moving H.R. 2695, which deals with the two hydroelectric projects in the State of Pennsylvania. This bill is sponsored by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. KLINK] who is a member of our committee. It passed unanimously, and I would urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, 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. 2695, 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.

EXTENSION OF FEDERAL POWER ACT DEADLINE FOR PROJECTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2773) to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of 2 hydroelectric projects in North Carolina, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2773

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) PROJECT NUMBERED 10812.—

(1) 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 10812, the Commission shall, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project, under the extension described in paragraph (2), for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall take effect on the date of the expiration of the extension of the period required for commencement of construction of the project described in paragraph (1) that the Commission issued, prior to the date of enactment of this Act, under section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806).

(b) PROJECT NUMBERED 6879.—

(1) 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 6879, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall take effect on the date of the expiration of the period required for commencement of construction of the project under the license for the project.

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

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

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. 2773, as amended.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2773, as amended, directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the deadline for construction of two projects in North Carolina. The first project is a 4.8-megawatt project to be located at an existing Army Corps of Engineers dam on the Yadkin River in Wilkes County, NC. The second project is an 815-kilowatt project to be located at an existing private dam on the Second Broad River in Rutherford County, NC. There is a need to act on this legislation, since the deadline for commencement of construction of the two projects expired on October 28, 1994, and March 20, 1995. Moreover, the Commission has issued a notice of probable termination for one of the projects. This legislation

is not opposed by FERC, since it includes limitations on the extensions. The measure was introduced by our colleague, Representative SUE MYRICK of North Carolina.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2773.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, we also support this bill on our side of the aisle, and urge its adoption.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I proposed H.R. 2773 as a regulatory relief bill for two of America's many entrepreneurs.

H.R. 2773 extends the construction license for two hydroelectric plants in North Carolina. Extending these deadlines allows these two individuals to participate in the fastest growing sector of our economy, small business. For example, Mr. Daniel Evans of Kings Mountain, N.C., a constituent of mine, has successfully worked to raise the capital on his own—no government handouts—and line up the purchasing of the land for this noteworthy project.

This example of self-initiative shows that the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in America. I thank my colleagues in the House for voting for H.R. 2773 and showing their support for the small businessmen and businesswomen of this country.

I also want to thank House Commerce Committee Chairman THOMAS BLILEY, Commerce Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman DAN SCHAEFER, and Representative RICHARD BURR of North Carolina for all of their assistance in bringing H.R. 2773 to the House floor. Their tireless efforts are greatly appreciated by myself and all of the citizens of North Carolina who will benefit by having this added source of hydroelectric energy for their use.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, 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. 2773, 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.

EXTENSION OF FEDERAL POWER ACT DEADLINE FOR PROJECT IN OHIO

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2816) to reinstate the license for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Ohio, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2816

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