

by law financially self-sufficient. Therefore, the program creates independent support sites that successfully foster the growth of women-owned businesses and job opportunities for thousands.

Despite the advances that women have made in the small business arena, women-owned businesses continue to face unique challenges when seeking capital, competing for government grants, and getting the technical assistance they need to succeed. A program focused solely on clearing these hurdles for women on businesses is a vital enterprise.

I understand, Mr. Chairman, that the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. ROGERS] is well familiar with this program.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Chairman, let me assure the gentlewoman that the goals of the women's demonstration program are certainly worthy and deserve our support.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chairman, I would also like to point out that despite the great gains women have made in their ownership and operation of small businesses, 52 percent of women-owned businesses are financed by credit cards; only 11 percent of men's businesses are funded that way.

Therefore, we must continue to mentor women and offer them individualized counseling that takes them through the workings of the business world step by step. The one-size-fits-all, one-time business plan offered by other programs will not ensure that these female entrepreneurs get the help they need on the road to success.

Women who have benefited from the expertise offered at Connecticut's one business center have commented on how hungry they were for information and how relevant and practical the information they have received from the center has been. Over and over these women have told the business center, I could not have done it without you.

On that note, I want to express my hope that the women's demonstration program which received a \$2.8 million reduction in this year's Commerce, Justice, and State appropriation bill, will be fully funded as the bill moves through conference with the Senate.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Chairman, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, given the very strong support this program has within the Senate and the worthy goals of the women's demonstration program, I am committed to working with the gentlewoman to ensure that this program receives the necessary funding as the bill moves through conference with the Senate.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chairman, I thank the chairman for his time and consideration regarding this program. I greatly appreciate his commitment.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HUTCHINSON) having assumed the chair, Mr. GUNDERSON, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3814) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice, stating that the Iraqi emergency is to continue in effect beyond August 2, 1996, to the Federal Register for publication.

The crisis between the United States and Iraq that led to the declaration on August 2, 1990, of a national emergency has not been resolved. The Government of Iraq continues to engage in activities inimical to stability in the Middle East and hostile to United States interests in the region. Such Iraqi actions pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and vital foreign policy interests of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain in force the broad authorities necessary to apply economic pressure on the Government of Iraq.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 22, 1996.

APPOINTMENT TO NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ADVANCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 801(c)(1) of public law 104-132, the chair announces the speaker's appointment to the National Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement the following mem-

ber on the part of the House: Ms. Victoria Toensing, Washington, DC.

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona [Mr. SHADEGG] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SHADEGG addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DORNAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. EHLERS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. EHLERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. ENGLISH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. SHAYS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SHAYS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereinafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LEACH] is recognized for 5 minutes.