

American workers will be hurt by free trade. That is inevitable, and they will be those who have the lease. Under theory of comparative advantage as it will work out, Americans at the lower end of the skill chain, at the lower end of our economic reward system, will on the whole benefit lessor, actually be hurt, than people at the other end.

Let us accompany increased free trade with measures that alleviate the distress that free trade will cause some, even while it is benefiting many others, and let us try to insist to the extent that we can that other countries do well. By the way, I did want to address one other point. We are told we cannot interfere. We shouldn't interfere in their labor relations or their environmental policies.

That is, Mr. Speaker, hypocritical nonsense, because many of the people who tell us that we should not accompany our trade policies with concern about human rights or concern about worker rights or concern about the environment, are perfectly prepared to dictate to these other countries about how much they must respect capital.

We are told that it is perfectly legitimate for the American Government to insist that our trading partners have a complete respect for property rights. I agree. But to insist that we get total respect for property rights, for the rights of contracts, for the rights of ownership, and, on the other hand, claim that we cannot tell them about the rights of workers or environmental protections, is hypocritical nonsense.

What it means is we will do those things which benefit capital and enhance its mobility and the return on it, while doing nothing to cope with the consequences of that.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to being able to vote for increased trade negotiations. I wanted to do that as part of a package which provides for the health care of Americans that lose their jobs, which makes sure to the extent that we can that Americans are not further disadvantaged if they are at the low end of the spectrum, to make sure that Americans who lose their jobs are not left bereft of an ability to support themselves and their family, to make sure that working people in our trading partner countries are given some reasonable hope that they will be beneficiaries in the increased benefits of trade, and in the hope that we can clean up some of the environmental abuses that would otherwise occur.

Free trade can be a wonderful thing if its benefits are fairly shared. But we are being asked now to provide a free trade expansion which will benefit disproportionately those who are already wealthy, will do either nothing or harm to many of those who are most vulnerable, and that is a proposition, Mr. Speaker, which I very much look forward to joining in defeating.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SANDLIN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 1:15 p.m., on account of personal business.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of her son's wedding.

Mr. PAYNE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today through October 29, on account of official business.

Mr. BEREUTER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of official business in his district.

Mr. BILIRAKIS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 10 a.m., on account of medical reasons.

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

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 Members (at the request of Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, on October 28.

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, on October 28.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAPPAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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

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

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. DOYLE.

Mr. VISCLOSKY.

Ms. HARMAN.

Mr. RUSH.

Mr. CAPPAS.

Mr. ETHERIDGE.

Mr. KIND.

Ms. LOFGREN.

Mr. SHERMAN.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Mr. McNULTY.

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

Mr. BEREUTER.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

Mr. HULSHOF.

Mrs. CHENOWETH.

Mr. THORNBERRY.

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado.

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

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. TAUZIN.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. HINOJOSA.

Mr. COSTELLO.

Mr. HUTCHINSON.

Mr. PASCARELL.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ.

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Mr. KILDEE.

Mr. PAPPAS.

Mrs. TAUSCHER.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1266. An act to interpret the term "kidnaping" in extradition treaties to which the United States is a party; and to the Committee on International Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 28, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour debates.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. HYDE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 424. A bill to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-344). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 280. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1270) to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (Rept. 105-345). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 2493. A bill to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands; with an amendment (Rept. 105-346, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 2493. A bill to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands; with an amendment (Rept. 105-346, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on Science. H.R. 1702. A bill to encourage the development of a commercial space industry