

concerned that this resolution includes a misrepresentation of facts that does not accurately reflect the reality of the child care dilemma in this country. It also largely ignores those who are committed to caring for children who are relatives but not immediate family members. These individuals are also important and deserve recognition by Congress in child care legislation. For example, a study conducted by the Department of Commerce found that grandparents and other non-parental relatives provide about 35% of the primary care for African American and Hispanic families. This resolution only focuses on stay at home parents and ignores other individuals that have a need to be compensated for their commitment to caring for children.

I must finally remind my colleagues that the U.S. House of Representatives voted to send millions of stay at home parents back into the workforce only three years ago by passing welfare reform legislation. This resolution sends the message that while we will encourage middle and upper class parents to stay at home we do not believe that the value of a stay at home parent is as important for low income children. This message is a disturbing one and not one that I will support.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. HEFNER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON). The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. HEFNER. Mr. Speaker, before we take the vote, if this resolution passes, what would be the next step in this legislation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If the concurrent resolution is adopted in the House, it will go to the Senate.

Mr. HEFNER. It will go to the Senate?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes, it will. This is a concurrent resolution.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 202, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 0, answered “present” 3, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 13]
YEAS—409

Abercrombie	Baldacci	Becerra
Ackerman	Ballenger	Bentsen
Aderholt	Barcia	Bereuter
Allen	Barr	Berman
Andrews	Barrett (NE)	Berry
Archer	Barrett (WI)	Bilbray
Army	Bartlett	Bilirakis
Bachus	Barton	Bishop
Baesler	Bass	Blagojevich
Baker	Bateman	Bliley

Blumenauer	Blunt	Boehkert	Boehner	Bonilla	Bonior	Borski	Boswell	Boucher	Boyd	Brady	Brown (CA)	Brown (FL)	Brown (OH)	Bryant	Bunning	Burr	Burton	Buyer	Calvert	Camp	Campbell	Canady	Cannon	Cardin	Carson	Castle	Chabot	Chambliss	Chenoweth	Christensen	Clay	Clayton	Clement	Clyburn	Coble	Coburn	Collins	Combest	Condit	Cook	Cooksey	Costello	Cox	Coyne	Cramer	Crane	Crapo	Cubin	Cummings	Cunningham	Danner	Davis (FL)	Davis (IL)	Davis (VA)	Deal	DeFazio	DeGette	DeLahunt	DeLauro	DeLay	Deutsch	Diaz-Balart	Dickey	Dicks	Dingell	Dixon	Doggett	Dooley	Doyle	Dreier	Duncan	Dunn	Edwards	Ehlers	Ehrlich	Emerson	Engel	English	Ensign	Etheridge	Evans	Everett	Ewing	Farr	Fattah	Fawell	Fazio	Filner	Foley	Forbes	Ford	Fossella	Fowler	Fox	Franks (NJ)	Frelinghuysen	Frost	Furse
Galgely	Ganske	Gejdenson	Gekas	Gephardt	Gibbons	Gilchrest	Gillmor	Gilman	Goode	Goodlatte	Goodling	Gordon	Goss	Graham	Granger	Green	Greenwood	Gutierrez	Gutknecht	Hall (OH)	Hall (TX)	Hamilton	Hansen	Hastert	Hastings (FL)	Hastings (WA)	Hayworth	Hefley	Hefner	Henger	Hill	Hilleary	Hilliard	Hinchey	Hinojosa	Hobson	Hoekstra	Holden	Hooley	Horn	Hostettler	Houghton	Hoyer	Hulshof	Hunter	Hutchinson	Hyde	Inglis	Istook	Jackson (IL)	Jackson-Lee	(TX)	Jefferson	Jenkins	John	Johnson (CT)	Johnson (WI)	Johnson, E. B.	Johnson, Sam	Jones	Kanjorski	Kaptur	Kasich	Kelly	Kennedy (MA)	Kennedy (RI)	Kennelly	Kildee	Kilpatrick	Kim	Kind (WI)	King (NY)	Kingston	Klecza	Klink	Klug	Knollenberg	Kolbe	Kucinich	LaFalce	LaHood	Lampson	Largent	Latham	LaTourette	Lazio	Leach	Levin	Lewis (CA)	Lewis (GA)	Lewis (KY)	Lipinski	Livingston	LoBiondo	Lofgren	Lowey	Lucas	Luther

Maloney (CT)	Sandlin	Snowbarger	Torres
Maloney (NY)	Sanford	Snyder	Towns
Manton	Sawyer	Solomon	Trafficant
Manzullo	Saxton	Souder	Turner
Markey	Scarborough	Spence	Upton
Mascara	Schaefer, Dan	Spratt	Velazquez
Matsui	Schaffer, Bob	Stabenow	Vento
McCarthy (MO)	Schumer	Stark	Visclosky
McCarthy (NY)	Scott	Stearns	Walsh
McCollum	Sensenbrenner	Stenholm	Wamp
McCrery	Serrano	Stokes	Waters
McDade	Sessions	Strickland	Watkins
McDermott	Shadegg	Stump	Watt (NC)
McGovern	Shaw	Stupak	Watts (OK)
McHale	Shays	Sununu	Waxman
McHugh	Sherman	Talent	Weldon (FL)
McInnis	Shimkus	Tanner	Weldon (PA)
McIntosh	Shuster	Tauscher	Weller
McIntyre	Siskiy	Tauzin	Wexler
McKeon	Skaggs	Taylor (MS)	Weygand
McKinney	Skeen	Taylor (NC)	White
McNulty	Skelton	Thomas	Whitfield
Meehan	Slaughter	Thompson	Wicker
Meek (FL)	Smith (MI)	Thornberry	Wolf
Meeks (NY)	Smith (NJ)	Thune	Woolsey
Menendez	Smith (TX)	Thurman	Wynn
Metcalf	Smith, Adam	Tiahrt	Young (AK)
Mica	Smith, Linda	Tierney	Young (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—3

Frank (MA)	Martinez	Payne
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NOT VOTING—18

Callahan	Lantos	Obey
Conyers	Linder	Poshard
Doolittle	Miller (FL)	Schiff
Eshoo	Mink	Smith (OR)
Gonzalez	Myrick	Wise
Harman	Nadler	Yates

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Mr. BERMAN and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the concurrent resolution was amended so as to read: “Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should acknowledge the importance of at-home parents and should not discriminate against families who forgo a second income in order for a mother or father to be at home with their children.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I was called away on a family matter and was unable to be here to vote on H. Con. Res. 202, the Daycare Fairness for Stay-At-Home Parents.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been here I would have supported this measure and voted “aye.”

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Con. Res. 202.

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

There was no objection.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 927) to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 927

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 "National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment or repeal 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 National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).

SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

(a) Section 202(a)(1) (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

"(D) encourage the development of forecast and analysis systems for coastal hazards;"

(b) Section 202(a)(6) (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)(6)) is amended by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: "The most cost-effective way to promote such activities is through continued and increased Federal support of the establishment, development, and operation of programs and projects by sea grant colleges, sea grant institutes, and other institutions."

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

(a) Section 203 (33 U.S.C. 1122) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking "their university or" and inserting "his or her"; and

(B) by striking "college, programs, or regional consortium" and inserting "college or sea grant institute";

(2) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

"(4) The term 'field related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources' means any discipline or field, including marine affairs, resource management, technology, education, or science, which is concerned with or likely to improve the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, or Great Lakes resources;"

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (15) as paragraphs (7) through (17), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

"(5) The term 'Great Lakes' includes Lake Champlain.

"(6) The term 'institution' means any public or private institution of higher education, institute, laboratory, or State or local agency;"

(4) by striking "regional consortium, institution of higher education, institute, or laboratory" in paragraph (11) (as redesignated) and inserting "institute or other institution"; and

(5) by striking paragraphs (12) through (17) (as redesignated) and inserting after paragraph (11) the following:

"(12) The term 'project' means any individually described activity in a field related to

ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources involving research, education, training, or advisory services administered by a person with expertise in such a field.

"(13) The term 'sea grant college' means any institution, or any association or alliance of two or more such institutions, designated as such by the Secretary under section 207 (33 U.S.C. 1126) of this Act.

"(14) The term 'sea grant institute' means any institution, or any association or alliance of two or more such institutions, designated as such by the Secretary under section 207 (33 U.S.C. 1126) of this Act.

"(15) The term 'sea grant program' means a program of research and outreach which is administered by one or more sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes.

"(16) The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

"(17) The term 'State' means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States."

(b) The Act is amended—

(1) in section 209(b) (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)), as amended by this Act, by striking ", the Under Secretary,"; and

(2) by striking "Under Secretary" every other place it appears and inserting "Secretary".

SEC. 5. NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

Section 204 (33 U.S.C. 1123) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 204. NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

"(a) PROGRAM MAINTENANCE.—The Secretary shall maintain within the Administration a program to be known as the national sea grant college program. The national sea grant college program shall be administered by a national sea grant office within the Administration.

"(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The national sea grant college program shall consist of the financial assistance and other activities authorized in this title, and shall provide support for the following elements—

"(1) sea grant programs which comprise a national sea grant college program network, including international projects conducted within such programs;

"(2) administration of the national sea grant college program and this title by the national sea grant office, the Administration, and the panel;

"(3) the fellowship program under section 208; and

"(4) any national strategic investments in fields relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources developed with the approval of the panel, the sea grant colleges, and the sea grant institutes.

"(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—

"(1) The Secretary, in consultation with the panel, sea grant colleges, and sea grant institutes, shall develop a long-range strategic plan which establishes priorities for the national sea grant college program and which provides an appropriately balanced response to local, regional, and national needs.

"(2) Within 6 months of the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1998, the Secretary, in consultation with the panel, sea grant colleges, and sea grant institutes, shall establish guidelines related to the activities and responsibilities of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes. Such guidelines shall include requirements for the conduct of merit review by the sea grant colleges and

sea grant institutes of proposals for grants and contracts to be awarded under section 205, providing, at a minimum, for standardized documentation of such proposals and peer review of all research projects.

"(3) The Secretary shall by regulation prescribe the qualifications required for designation of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes under section 207.

"(4) To carry out the provisions of this title, the Secretary may—

"(A) appoint, assign the duties, transfer, and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary, in accordance with civil service laws;

"(B) make appointments with respect to temporary and intermittent services to the extent authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;

"(C) publish or arrange for the publication of, and otherwise disseminate, in cooperation with other offices and programs in the Administration and without regard to section 501 of title 44, United States Code, any information of research, educational, training or other value in fields related to ocean, coastal, or Great Lakes resources;

"(D) enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, and other transactions without regard to section 5 of title 41, United States Code;

"(E) notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, accept donations and voluntary and uncompensated services;

"(F) accept funds from other Federal departments and agencies, including agencies within the Administration, to pay for and add to grants made and contracts entered into by the Secretary; and

"(G) promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and appropriate.

"(d) DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.—

"(1) The Secretary shall appoint, as the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program, a qualified individual who has appropriate administrative experience and knowledge or expertise in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. The Director shall be appointed and compensated, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, at a rate payable under section 5376 of title 5, United States Code.

"(2) Subject to the supervision of the Secretary, the Director shall administer the national sea grant college program and oversee the operation of the national sea grant office. In addition to any other duty prescribed by law or assigned by the Secretary, the Director shall—

"(A) facilitate and coordinate the development of a long-range strategic plan under subsection (c)(1);

"(B) advise the Secretary with respect to the expertise and capabilities which are available within or through the national sea grant college program and encourage the use of such expertise and capabilities, on a cooperative or other basis, by other offices and activities within the Administration, and other Federal departments and agencies;

"(C) advise the Secretary on the designation of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes, and, if appropriate, on the termination or suspension of any such designation; and

"(D) encourage the establishment and growth of sea grant programs, and cooperation and coordination with other Federal activities in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.

"(3) With respect to sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes, the Director shall—

"(A) evaluate the programs of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes, using the priorities, guidelines, and qualifications established by the Secretary;