

and inserting 'the date of the enactment of the TEA 21 Restoration Act'.

(b) BOAT SAFETY ACCOUNT AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACCOUNT.—Section 9005 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

“(1) Subparagraph (A) of section 9504(b)(2), as amended by subsection (b)(1), is amended by striking 'the date of the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century' and inserting 'the date of the enactment of the TEA 21 Restoration Act'.

“(2) Subparagraph (B) of section 9504(b)(2), as added by subsection (b)(3), is amended by striking 'such Act' and inserting 'the TEA 21 Restoration Act'.

“(3) Subparagraph (C) of section 9504(b)(2), as amended by subsection (b)(2) and redesignated by subsection (b)(3), is amended by striking 'the date of the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century' and inserting 'the date of the enactment of the TEA 21 Restoration Act'.

“(4) Subsection (c) of section 9504, as amended by subsection (c)(2), is amended by striking 'the date of enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century' and inserting 'the date of the enactment of the TEA 21 Restoration Act'.

SEC. 16. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect simultaneously with the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. For purposes of all Federal laws, the amendments made by this Act shall be treated as being included in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century at the time of the enactment of such Act, and the provisions of such Act (including the amendments made by such Act) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) that are amended by this Act shall be treated as not being enacted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the bill is passed.

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3978, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 5 p.m. today.

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3504) to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3504

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 “John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act of 1998”.

SEC. 2. CAPITAL REPAIR DUTIES.

Section 4(a)(1)(G) of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76j(a)(1)(G)) is amended to read as follows:

“(G) with respect to the building and site of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, plan, design, and construct each capital repair, replacement, improvement, rehabilitation, alteration, or modification necessary to maintain the functionality of the building and site at current standards of life, safety, security, and accessibility;”.

SEC. 3. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DUTIES.

Section 4(a)(1)(H)(ii) of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76j(a)(1)(H)(ii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(ii) with respect to the building and site of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, all necessary maintenance, repair, and alteration of, and all janitorial, security, and other services and equipment necessary for the operations of, the building and site, in a manner consistent with requirements for high quality operations; and”.

SEC. 4. REPEAL OF AUDIT REQUIREMENT.

Section 6 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76l) is amended by striking subsection (d) and redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 12 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76r) is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

“(a) MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND SECURITY.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Board to carry out section 4(a)(1)(H)—

“(1) \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 1999;

“(2) \$14,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 and 2001; and

“(3) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

“(b) CAPITAL PROJECTS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Board to carry out subparagraphs (F) and (G) of section 4(a)(1)—

“(1) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001;

“(2) \$19,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and

“(3) \$17,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3504, as amended, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act of 1998, authorizes appropriations for op-

erations, maintenance, security, and capital improvements and repair of the facility through the year 2003. In addition, the bill provides further criteria for defining capital repair and operation and maintenance.

The bill provides authorization of \$59 million for operations, maintenance, security; and \$87 million for capital improvements.

Initially the bill provided for an 11-year authorization. However, it was amended in committee to limit the authorization of appropriations to a 5-year period, and further to eliminate the requirement for the General Accounting Office to conduct periodic audits of the financial operations of the Center. Why? Because the Center performs annual audits which fulfill entirely the original statutory mandates anyway.

Mr. Speaker, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is a national Presidential monument and a living memorial. H.R. 3504 ensures that the Center remains a living memorial to the late President.

When Congress designated the National Cultural Center as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 1964, it set a policy of the presentation of classical and contemporary music, opera, drama, dance and other performing arts from the United States and other countries.

The act directed the board of trustees to promote and maintain the Kennedy Center as the National Center for Performing Arts by developing a leadership role in national performing arts education policy and programs, including developing and presenting original and innovative performing arts and educational programs for children, youth, families, adults and educators.

The Kennedy Center was also charged with the responsibility of initiating, developing and maintaining a program for national and community outreach for the arts. These responsibilities are in addition to the responsibility of maintaining a memorial to President Kennedy.

I am pleased to say the board has achieved these objectives through successful fund-raising to support the performing arts and the prudent expenditure of Federal funds to operate, maintain and improve the building. The legislation before us today will continue the work begun in 1991 to upgrade, improve and maintain the 1.5 million square foot facility.

Since its opening in 1971, the facility has exceeded all expectations in visitor attendance. Today the Kennedy Center attracts 3.5 million visitors annually. This is in addition to the 1.7 million children who attend the 2,800 performances held annually at the Center.

The building is a blend of modern architecture and functional requirements. This 1.5 million square foot structure houses 8 theaters, 3 restaurants, 3 foyers, parking for 1,450 vehicles, and 23 elevators, 6 escalators, office space, rehearsal rooms, and 2,000

doors, all requiring some form of security. Originally constructed at the cost of \$78 million, the replacement value of the Kennedy Center today in today's dollars is estimated at \$500 million.

For over two decades the building received minimal care. The roof leaked, the facade was crumbling, systems were wearing out. The Park Service and Kennedy Center could not communicate on priorities for needed repair.

In 1994 Congress transferred the responsibilities of the care and maintenance to the board of the Kennedy Center and provided a steady stream of funding to repair, maintain, secure and improve the building. This legislation directed the board to develop and submit to Congress a comprehensive building plan for capital improvement programs. That plan was submitted, and annual updates have been submitted as well.

The authorization for capital repair for the next 5 years will allow the Center to undertake a major renovation to the Opera House and related facilities called the central block. This will include reconfiguration to the Opera House to allow for full accessibility, and improved life and fire safety features. Improvements to the mezzanine level of the foyers will include the addition of eating facilities. Office space, rehearsal rooms and related space will also be renovated.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation enjoys the support of both sides of the aisle in Congress, as well as the administration and the Kennedy Center.

In closing, I want to pay particular tribute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) members of the board of trustees who also cosponsored this legislation, and who have taken a personal interest in ensuring the Kennedy Center remains on track through this massive building renovation program.

I support H.R. 3504 and urge my colleagues to support the measure.

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the tremendous gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) for yielding this time to me, and I thank the chairman and the ranking member for their prompt and diligent work on this bill that would indeed give to what I think every Member recognizes as a national treasure funds necessary for its upkeep, maintenance and security.

Mr. Speaker, this bill passed our committee by a voice vote not only because it is noncontroversial but because it involves an institution that has the support of the Nation and the great respect and gratitude of the Nation.

If there has been anything controversial about the Kennedy Center, it has been its maintenance and security. To

the credit of this body, the Congress in 1991 transferred its maintenance and upkeep from the Park Service to the Board of the Kennedy Center. The Park Service was miscast in this role and, of course, with all that it has to do, could not fulfill that role in the way we expect it. What we now expect in this bill is that necessary maintenance and security matters will be upgraded.

For example, the ADA provisions which now need to be fully recognized and implemented will be taken care of by this bill.

Mr. Speaker, this is a facility built in 1971. We are coming onto 30 years old. Its upkeep and maintenance becomes more and more important when we recognize that it has become a more and more popular facility for all of our constituents and people around the world to visit.

I must say that the Kennedy Center has been wonderfully innovative in its outreach to the American people, and I am sure every Member of this body and of the other body are grateful for the way in which it has become a truly national institution.

As for those of us fortunate enough to live in the District of Columbia, we have formed an increasing working partnership with the Kennedy Center. Most recently, we have begun to talk with the Kennedy Center about a specific relationship to the Duke Ellington School of the Arts; and those talks and that partnership would be uniquely promising; and I would hope ultimately for the support for this body on that matter.

Meanwhile, this bill simply assures that the Kennedy Center will be in good repair and will be secure when 25 million Americans and people from around the world visit the Nation's Capital and when so many of them believe they simply cannot leave without visiting the Kennedy Center.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for having yielded this time to me.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I do not have any other speakers at this time.

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) our ranking member, who probably did not get the credit he deserved on the recent BESTEA bill.

I want to thank him as one of his members of the committee and thank him for the job he has done at the Kennedy Center because his fingerprints are on every improvement possibly since I have been in Congress for 14 years, and they certainly are in this bill, and we are glad to take his leadership.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) the former chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development for those kind remarks. I thank the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia for her strong advocacy for the Kennedy Cen-

ter and the chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) for leading the way on this reauthorization and bringing it to the floor so expeditiously.

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) and I both serve on the Board of Trustees of the Kennedy Center and have participated very actively and vigorously in the deliberation of the Board on the improvements that have been made and will continue to be made under the 5-year reauthorization.

Literally, the activities authorized under this bill will transform the Kennedy Center into the vision of a national, vital Center for the performing arts, far beyond its already outstanding accomplishments. It will make the Center more accessible and available to the general public, will bring a wide variety of new activities and life to the Center's public spaces. Work already has been completed on replacement of the roof at the various levels, replacing of the roof terrace and repairs to the planters.

Next to come are security improvements. Sad to say, we have to think about security at the Kennedy Center as one of the most visible and public centers in our Nation's capital but one that also is an inviting target for terrorists, and a very extensive security analysis has been completed. The authorization will allow for a centrally controlled security system, door access controls for the building, the garage and for sight monitoring and better access that will move traffic in a continuous flow through the Center, access for people buying tickets so that there will be no stoppage of traffic and invitation for opportunity for terrorist activities.

Site work will include new signs, modification to the plaza circulation pattern and improved landscaping to preserve the good-neighbor spirit of the Kennedy Center with its nearby neighbors.

The comprehensive building plan has been established around a series of remedial actions to improve the many building deficiencies and make the interior space more attractive and more user friendly.

In the future, visitors to the Center who come to the two principal halls will be excited about the new level of activities, the new opportunities, I should say, and the many activities that will be offered at different levels of the Center halls. It will be much more friendly to users of the Kennedy Center, to the visitors, more opportunity for food and for relaxation of the guests. It just is going to make this whole Kennedy Center come alive.

And I really compliment President Larry Wilker for the splendid job he has done in developing the improvements that we have been discussing in this reauthorization bill as well as his important work as the artistic director at the Kennedy Center and bringing so many high-level performances to the Center and for his initiative with the

Millennium Stage that has opened the great hall of the Kennedy Center to the public every day at 6 o'clock for free performances. This makes the Kennedy Center truly a people's center for cultural activities and for the performing arts in all of their exciting and stimulating manner.

I only wish that all of us in this Chamber could have more time to partake of those cultural activities rather than being locked up here in session late night after late night so that we, too, could be enlivened and enriched by the many offerings of the Kennedy Center.

Again, I want to thank the gentleman from Ohio for his persistent leadership over many, many years on issues involving the Kennedy Center. His fingerprints, too, are on all the building improvements and innovations that have come about at the Center, and I thank him for his vigilance, and I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) for his splendid participation and partnership in this great endeavor.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to once again thank the ranking member and our chairman, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) for his work with the Kennedy Center on an ongoing basis in all areas and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) the chairman of the committee who works very well. Both the ranking member and the chairman at the top of this committee work well.

I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM). I want to thank Mr. KIM for his contributions on this legislation, and I want to thank him for his friendship and, understanding that he had not experienced well in the election, we will miss him. I want to compliment him for the hard job that he has done and how he has addressed himself to details, and I want to thank him for his bipartisanship and his attitude and spirit in doing that.

With that, I would like to say this: I think President of the Kennedy Center Larry Wilker deserves a lot of credit. I believe the Kennedy Center right now does not look as good as it should as the focal point of arts, theater and culture in America. Quite frankly, when one goes by the building it is not all that it should be. We must make it all that it should be.

Now the Kennedy Center asked and Mr. Wilker proposed a long 11-year program; and, quite frankly, he was looking at long-range scenarios to affect those goals.

We particularly felt at the subcommittee/committee level that we should maybe take a couple bites of that apple, and we made a 5-year restriction in here, but that could be addressed. We want the Kennedy Center people to know that did not fall on deaf ears and that will be looked at in the upcoming Congress, and an extension

of that is very possible considering the type of activity that they are involved in.

But this is our treasure. This is the focal point. And ladies and gentlemen of Congress, when we go around this beautiful city and see all these great monuments, the Kennedy Center is simply not all it should be. It must become everything that it is possible of being.

I will, furthermore, like to see in years to come, envision a day where there may be three, four, or maybe five or six regional satellite Kennedy Centers operated by the Kennedy Center that takes it closer to all of our people so they do not have to come all the way down here to the Nation's capital.

But, in any regard, I want to thank the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM), thank the committee. I want to thank Rick Barnett and Susan Brita of our staff.

And, with that, I ask for an aye vote.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3504, 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. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 3504, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CARL D. PURSELL POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3808) to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, as the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3808

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper in Plymouth, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3808, a bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, was introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) on May 7, 1998, and was originally cosponsored by the entire Michigan State delegation which is pursuant to full committee policy.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is unanimously amended by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight to correct the address to 47526 Clipper, creating the deletion of the word Drive pursuant to information that was received from the Postal Service.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3808 represents a former Member of this body, Representative Carl D. Pursell, who was elected to the 95th Congress and was reelected to represent the Second Congressional District of Michigan for seven succeeding terms from 1977 through 1992.

Born in Imlay City, Michigan, in his home State, after receiving his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University he served in the United States Army for 2 years and then earned his master's degree. He then went on to a long and distinguished career in public service and, as I have mentioned already, coming to this House for an equally distinguished term.

Currently, Mr. Pursell resides in Plymouth, Michigan, where he has been for his entire life; and I think most importantly, Mr. Speaker, he and the contributions that he has made to his community, to his State and, ultimately, to his Nation compile the kind of record that I think certainly merits this kind of designation.

We do have several Members here today from the Michigan State delegation to whom I will eventually yield time. I know we will have more particular comments upon this man and his life and his service, and we are all looking forward to that.

But, for the moment, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me first of all thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) who, throughout his service as chairman of this very important subcommittee, has extended every courtesy to those of us on the Democratic side of the aisle. I would like to thank the gentleman.

I would also like to rise in support of H.R. 3808, offered by another of my colleagues, one who I serve on the Committee on Education and Workforce