

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4647.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,

Washington, DC, September 28, 1998.

Hon. ROBERT F. SMITH,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SMITH: I understand that the Committee on Agriculture is requesting that the House leadership permit the consideration of H.R. 4647 on the suspension calendar. This bill is identical to H.R. 3654 as introduced, with the exception of a technical change.

My understanding is that because of our Committee's jurisdiction over exports and national security issues under Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, our Committee would be entitled to a sequential referral of this bill were it reported in the form introduced.

As I have discussed with Mr. Ewing, the sponsor of the bill, because of the need for prompt disposition of this matter, we have no objection to the consideration of this bill as introduced as a suspension item.

While not objecting to the consideration of the bill on the suspension calendar, however, I would like to state that we do not waive our jurisdiction over this bill or its subject matter. I would request that, in light of our support for early action on the bill on the suspension calendar, (a) you undertake to support the naming of members of the Committee on International Relations as conferees on this bill, should a conference occur, and (b) you consult with me on any further action on the bill or on any counterpart from the Senate.

I also request that you include this correspondence and your response to it in the Record when the bill is considered.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN,
Chairman.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, September 28, 1998.

Hon. BEN GILMAN,
Chairman, House Committee on International Relations, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GILMAN: Thank you for your correspondence on H.R. 4647.

We appreciate the position of your Committee that you will not object to the early consideration of the bill, as introduced, on the suspension calendar.

In light of your Committee's jurisdictional claim, should a conference be agreed to on the bill, I would support the naming of conferees from the Committee on International Relations, and I will certainly consult with you on any Senate amendment to the bill or further action on it or a counterpart from the Senate. Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. "BOB" SMITH,
Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. EWING. 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 Illinois (Mr. EWING) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4647.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. EWING. 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. 4647, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF CONFEREES AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON S. 2073, JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL AND DELINQUENCY ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to clause 6(f), rule X, the chair removes the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) as conferees on the Senate bill (S. 2073) to authorize appropriations for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and appoints the gentleman from California (Mr. RIGGS), and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD) to fill the vacancies.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, 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 Colorado (Mr. SKAGGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SKAGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DIAZ-BALART addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Delaware (Mr. CASTLE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CASTLE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

A TRIBUTE TO SANTA MARIA'S PEACE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, as this session of Congress races to a close, we often lose sight of some of the wonder-

ful things happening at home in our communities, and this is especially true when Washington, D.C. is consumed by political battles. That is why I rise today to commend the remarkable city of Santa Maria, California, which I am very proud to represent, in the 22nd district for its second annual Peace Week.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I stood on the House floor to congratulate Santa Maria on being named one of 10 All-American Cities. This high honor was justly granted to a city that has distinguished itself by its diversity and the fact that all the residents of Santa Maria work together to find innovative ways to solve their problems.

One glowing example of this community cohesiveness is Peace Week; Peace Week, which begins today. The goal of Peace Week is to stress nonviolence and conflict mediation. Each day brings a focus on a new topic and allows community members of all ages and cultures to discover ways they can make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of their neighbors.

Examples of innovative Peace Week activities include a candlelight march, nonviolence education, and a lecture by a nationally acclaimed advocate, Father Gregory Boyle. Another highlight of Peace Week is a project entitled, "Let's Piece it Together," which features a peace quilt constructed by schoolchildren and senior citizens.

Mr. Speaker, Peace Week is the product of an entire city and its enlightened leadership. I want to pay special tribute to my friend, Sister Janet Corcoran of Marian Medical Center Mission Services, for her remarkable dedication and tireless work on behalf of her community and the precious cause of peace. She is a role model for me and a role model for us all.

THE SURVIVAL OF THE SMALL FARMER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mrs. CLAYTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, why is it that we refuse to help small farmers and ranchers to succeed, yet we refuse to let big business fail? Why is that small farmers and ranchers get little help, while big business gets much help? Small farmers and ranchers are struggling to survive in America, and because they are struggling to survive, quality and affordable food and fiber for all of us is at risk.

They are not struggling to survive for the want of effort. No, Mr. Speaker. Small producers are struggling to survive because of the pressures they are experiencing from a constant barrage of hurricanes, unexpected flooding, unprecedented drought and economic downturns, exacerbated by failing foreign markets.

Much of the problem, too, however, springs from the onerous provisions of the 1996 farm bill that bans family