

was initially proposed. Unfortunately, the health needs of our children did not commensurately reduce.

□ 2300

All we ask is that this year's chip be fully funded at the proposed level and that no American child be left behind for any reason and surely not just because of where he or she lives.

There is one more issue that I would like to address to this as well as to the other body. That is also to ask for inclusion of the miscellaneous tariff bill in the final budget agreement. This was a part of the proposed 1999 budget and its budgetary impact is negligible.

Mr. Speaker, included in this bill is an extension of a provision that would save our watch industry and badly needed jobs, particularly on my home island of St. Croix. All of these programs represent minuscule dollars in the larger scheme, but to my district, which has been buffeted by storm after storm, they have enormous impact.

Mr. Speaker, many of the districts represented in this House have been, all of them have been experiencing an economic boom, while ours, largely because of repeated natural disasters, is languishing.

Let me interject a word here about the latest hurricane to hit us, Georges, because not much has been said in the national press about its impact on the Virgin Islands. For us, as in other parts of the Caribbean and the United States, Hurricane Georges was a major hurricane that affected all four of our islands. However, because we have learned from the past and with FEMA's help applied those lessons successfully, our damages, though quite disruptive to our lives, were minimized and our recovery is moving steadily ahead. But we cannot fully rebound and take up a path of economic revitalization and sustainable growth without the help that these three programs would provide. So we ask that all be included in the final budget package.

The rum excise taxes so that we can continue to build, the children's health insurance dollars to help our families and alleviate the burden on our Medicaid capped government, and the lifeline needed by our otherwise dying watch industry.

I want to join my colleagues who spoke earlier in thanking Congressman JOE KENNEDY for his contributions to this House and this country and to wish him well as he leaves to continue what I know will be a life of service to all of us.

OMMISSION FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF OCTOBER 10, 1998

A portion of the following debate was inadvertently omitted from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of October, 10, 1998:

□ 1815

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of regret that I object to the passage of S. 2095 as amended by our counterparts on the other side of the aisle.

Historically, the excellent programs of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation have had strong support of Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle since the foundation's inception in 1984. I supported similar legislation to this as introduced and as reported by the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans last October.

Unfortunately, the amendments adopted by the Committee on Resources that have now been attached to this Senate bill have transformed what would have been a straightforward reauthorization of a popular program into a partisan platform for objectives to undermine the Endangered Species Act.

In particular, the amendment adopted by the committee which is now attached to this bill would prohibit the foundation from funding any activities related to the reintroduction of the wolves or the grizzly bears in Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. While this may seem like a narrow exception, it seriously undermines the fundamental integrity of the foundation's ability to do its job.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is an established, competitive grant-making organization with a long history of funding successful conservation programs throughout the United States. The amendment that has been established to this legislation really questions whether Congress should now be getting into the second-guessing of these programs.

Let me say that the foundation has not funded any grizzly bear reintroduction efforts, though it has funded research and education programs on the prevention of human being/grizzly bear interactions. In addition, the foundation was awarded less than \$100,000 worth of projects related to the reintroduction of wolves.

For those reasons, I reluctantly oppose this legislation, because this has been an outstanding organization, with many, many people who have served on the board of directors, who have given an inordinate amount of time and money and have secured really significant amounts of private contributions to the ongoing efforts of both the programs sponsored by the Federal government, State governments, local governments and the private sector.

I would hope that we would not now start trying to micromanage this agency with Congressional amendments, given their track record of success both in creating programs that are highly successful, with a great deal of local

support, and also in creating the kind of private/public partnership that we so often say we want.

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers at this time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADY of Texas). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2095, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. MILLER of California. 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. Pursuant to clause 5, rule 1, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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. MCNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. TAUSCHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BECERRA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MINGE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SANFORD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN for 5 minutes today.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that

committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1659. An act to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the monument, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res.: 134. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, joint resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H.J. Res. 131. Waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the One Hundred Fifth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

H.J. Res. 134. Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at 9 a.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

Executive Communications Re-Referred: E10,321, E10,322, and Memorial 303

10321. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-948-1 IFR] Received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); referred to the Committee on Agriculture. July 27, 1998.

10322. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-931-1 IFR] Received July 23, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); referred to the Committee on Agriculture. July 27, 1998.

303. By the SPEAKER: A memorial of the Legislature of the State of Idaho, relative to House Joint Memorial No. 10 memorializing the recognition of state and county rights-of-way under Revised Statute 2477 and take appropriate action to invalidate the proposed policy change for forest roadless areas; jointly, to the Committees on Agriculture and Resources. May 4, 1998.

11651. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final

rule—Long-Range Financial Forecasts of Electric Borrowers (RIN: 0572-AA89) received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11652. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Year 2000 Compliance: Electric Program [7 CFR Parts 1710 and 1726] received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

11653. A letter from the Chairman, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the ninth annual report on the assessment of the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1637; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

11654. A letter from the Clerk, District of Columbia Circuit, United States Court of Appeals, transmitting an opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, No. 97-1250—Larry Hice v. Director, Office of Worker's Compensation Programs, United States Department of Labor and Electrospace Systems, Inc.; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

11655. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products; Energy Conservation Standards for Electric Cooking Products (Electric Cooktops, Electric Self-Cleaning-Ovens, and Microwave Ovens) [Docket Number EE-RM-S-97-700] (RIN: 1904-AA84) received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11656. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Personnel Assurance Program (RIN: 1992-AA14) [Docket No. DP-RM-97-100] received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11657. A letter from the Director, Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule—Price Competitive Sale of Strategic Petroleum Reserve Petroleum; Standard Sales Provisions (RIN Number: 1901-AA81) received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

11658. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's Third Annual Report and Analysis on Competitive Market Conditions With Respect to Commercial Mobile Services, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(1)(C); to the Committee on Commerce.

11659. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting The Price-Anderson Act-Crossing the Bridge to the Next Century: A Report to Congress; to the Committee on Commerce.

11660. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Greece for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-47), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

11661. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Greece for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-38), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

11662. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of decisions made by the President regarding the draw-

down of articles and services from the inventory and resources of the Departments of Defense, State, Justice, the Treasury, and Transportation, and military education and training from the Department of Defense, to provide counternarcotics assistance to Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, and the countries of the Eastern Caribbean Regional Security System (Presidential Determination 98-41), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2364(a)(1); to the Committee on International Relations.

11663. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification for FY 1999 that no United Nations agency or United Nations affiliated agency grants any official status, accreditation, or recognition to any organization which promotes and condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization, pursuant to Public Law 103-236; to the Committee on International Relations.

11664. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) Kosovo Sanctions Regulations [31 CFR Part 586] received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

11665. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the proposed obligation of up to \$53.4 million to implement the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program under the FY 1998 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, Public Law 105-56, pursuant to Public Law 104-106; to the Committee on International Relations.

11666. A letter from the Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule—Executive Office for Immigration Review, Board of Immigration Appeals; 18 Board Members [EOIR No. 123F; AG Order No. 2180-98] (RIN: 1125-AA24) received October 8, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11667. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Reserve Officers Association, transmitting a copy of the Report of Audit for the year ending 31 March 1997 of the Association's accounts, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(41) and 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11668. A letter from the Chairman, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting an amendment to the sentencing guidelines which enhances penalties for fraudulent telemarketing schemes and other similar offenses, pursuant to Public Law 105-184; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

11669. A letter from the Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule—Upgrading of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Accreditation Manual (Docket Number 980722187-8187-01) (RIN: 0693-ZA21) received September 26, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

11670. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a report on the labor market situation for certain disabled veterans and Vietnam Theater veterans, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 2010A; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

11671. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the combined report on the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act—Impact on the United States, and the Andean