

of this Act from complying with any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

Mr. CASTLE (during the reading). Mr. Speaker I ask unanimous consent that the amendments be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DESIGNATION OF HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS FOR REMAINDER OF SECOND SESSION OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 20, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the designation is accepted.

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON TOMORROW

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under Calendar Wednesday on tomorrow be dispensed with.

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

There was no objection.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING SALE OR DIVERSION OF GREAT LAKES WATER

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations be discharged from further consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 566) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President and the Senate should take the necessary actions to prevent the sale or diversion of Great Lakes water to foreign countries, businesses, corporations, and individuals until procedures are established to guarantee that any such sale is fully negotiated between and approved by the governments concerned, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 566

Whereas the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin are precious public natural resources, shared and held in trust by the Great Lakes States and the Canadian Provinces;

Whereas the Great Lakes need to be carefully managed and protected in order to meet current and future water needs within the Great Lakes Basin and the Canadian Provinces;

Whereas any new diversions of Great Lakes waters for use outside of the Great Lakes Basin will have significant adverse effects on the environment, economy, and welfare of the Great Lakes region;

Whereas the Province of Ontario, Canada, has authorized an Ontario company to divert water from the Great Lakes for sale to Asia;

Whereas 4 of the Great Lakes contain international waters, and are defined as "boundary waters" in the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 between the United States and Canada, and therefore any new diversion of Great Lakes water would affect the relations between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada;

Whereas as trustees of the Great Lakes Basin's natural resources, the Great Lakes States and Provinces have a shared duty to protect, conserve, and manage the renewable but finite waters of the Great Lakes Basin for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of all their citizens, and future generations; and

Whereas the most effective means of protecting, conserving, and managing the water resources of the Great Lakes is through the joint pursuit of unified and cooperative principles, policies, and programs mutually agreed upon, enacted, and adhered to by each and every Great Lakes State and Province: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the President and the Senate should act to prevent the sale or diversion of Great Lakes water to foreign countries, businesses, corporations, and individuals until procedures are established to guarantee that any such sale or diversion is fully negotiated and approved by representatives of the United States Government and the Government of Canada, in consultation with any Great Lakes State or Province that could be impacted by such a sale or diversion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) is recognized for one hour.

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to just note that this is a measure introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK). The minority on our committee asked that committee consideration be waived so the resolution could be brought to the floor today. I am pleased to support the minority's request.

This resolution has the bipartisan co-sponsorship of Members from Great Lakes states responding to a unilateral move by a Canadian province to authorize a private company to sell Great Lakes water to Asia.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 566 is a resolution that is meant to send the message that we, the House of Representatives,

are serious about protecting our Great Lakes and will not sit idly by and allow our Great Lakes water to be sold to foreign countries.

This resolution was originally introduced last spring after the Province of Ontario in Canada approved a permit that allows the Nova Group, an Ontario-based company, to divert three billion liters of water from Lake Superior over the next five years and sell it to Asia.

After considerable public outcry against this proposal, the Ministry of the Environment of Ontario announced that the permit issued to the Nova Group would be canceled.

Recently, however, the Nova Group asked the Ontario environmental appeal board to overturn the decision withdrawing the permit and to allow it to proceed with its bid to export fresh water to several Asian countries. Hearings are scheduled on the permit for this fall.

Allowing the diversion of billions of liters of water from the Great Lakes would create dangerous consequences for the Great Lakes region and the United States.

This permit could open the door for additional water diversion opportunities, putting the waters of all the Great Lakes on the world market.

This could lead to larger scale diversions of water in the future that could have adverse effects on the environment, economy, and welfare of the Great Lakes region.

H. Res. 566 calls on the President and the Senate to prevent the sale or diversion of Great Lakes water to foreign countries until it is possible to fully negotiate this proposal and its implications.

Mr. Speaker, we could literally be opening up Pandora's box with the sale of Great Lakes water to foreign countries. We cannot afford to turn our Great Lakes into a tradable commodity.

We must pass this legislation and send the message to Canada that our Great Lakes are not for sale to foreign countries.

I'd like to thank Chairman GILMAN, Mr. HAMILTON, Chairman GALLEGLY, and Mr. ACKERMAN for their help on this matter. I would especially like to thank Mr. LATOURETTE of Ohio and Mr. BONIOR of Michigan for their leadership on this issue.

I urge my colleagues to support this non-binding resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AFRICA: SEEDS OF HOPE ACT OF 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4283) to support sustainable and broad-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Africa: Seeds of Hope Act of 1998".