

The World Bank Trust Fund would harness the power of the world's public and private sectors to combat this devastating situation. This public-private partnership is a great example of the role the United States can play as an international leader in public health. This bill demonstrates that we have the resources and the bill to help those who are suffering with this terrible disease.

Along with the recent steps taken by the Clinton Administration and several major pharmaceutical companies to ensure that affordable treatments are available in Africa, this bill would go a long way toward finally eradicating the spread of AIDS in Africa and bring some relief to a much beleaguered part of the world.

I applaud the efforts of all of those who have worked hard on this bill and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3519, 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. LEACH. 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. 3519, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 434) "An Act to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa."

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 501) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Nation's law enforcement officers.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 501

Whereas the Nation's law enforcement officers preserve and protect the safety and well-being of all the citizens of this country;

Whereas approximately 740,000 men and women risk their personal safety every day to fight crime and to safeguard our citizens;

Whereas peace officers are on the front line in the Nation's schools and on the Nation's

streets, preserving children's right to learn in schools that are free of violence and citizens' right to safe communities;

Whereas 134 peace officers lost their lives in the performance of their duty in 1999 and a total of more than 15,000 have now made that supreme sacrifice;

Whereas on average one officer dies every 54 hours and thousands of officers are assaulted and injured every year; and

Whereas National Police Week 2000—May 14 to 20, 2000—provides an opportunity to honor and recognize the officers who have died in the line of duty and to affirm the Nation's thanks to the officers who put their lives on the line on a daily basis to protect our citizens: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) all peace officers slain in the line of duty and all peace officers who risk their own personal safety and well-being to protect this Nation's citizens should be honored and recognized; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to honor and recognize slain peace officers with appropriate ceremonies and respect and to honor and recognize the sacrifices and risks taken daily by all peace officers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) and the gentleman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the resolution under consideration, House Resolution 501.

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

There was no objection.

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

Unfortunately, it is often easy to overlook the courageous service of a group of men and women who protect us very close to home here in the United States. Over 700,000 law enforcement officers, serving at every level of government and in communities of every size, stand guard over our lives and our property every single day. These officers patrol our streets, they pursue those who threaten our security, they are just a phone call away.

Today, with the consideration of this resolution, we honor the dedication and devotion of America's law enforcement community. And, in particular, we honor the sacrifice of a specific heroic group of law enforcement officers. We honor those who have given their lives in service to the rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, mere words cannot fully express the significance of this sacrifice. How do we adequately express our appreciation for those who are willing to die to protect us and our families? Police officers enjoy life just as much as the rest of us. They long to see their children grow up and be suc-

cessful and to someday hold their grandchildren, just like all of us do. And yet they are willing to risk all of this, all of their hopes and all of their dreams, for us, to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.

It is far too easy for us to take for granted their devotion to duty. It is for this reason that we bring H. Res. 501 to the floor today. It is to honor the 134 peace officers who lost their lives in the performance of their duties just last year.

It is also to commemorate the more than 15,000 officers who have made the supreme sacrifice over the course of our Nation's history. The names of these heroes are now enshrined on the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall only a few blocks from this very House Chamber. That wall and this simple resolution are among the many ways that we can encourage all Americans to remember, to never forget the extraordinary service of these extraordinary public servants.

This week, Mr. Speaker, we celebrate Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week. Earlier today, a ceremony was held on the West Lawn of the Capitol in memory of peace officers killed in the line of duty in 1999. This resolution calls on the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to honor and recognize slain peace officers.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) for introducing this resolution and taking the lead in ensuring that this House expresses its profound appreciation for the commitment and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased also to rise in support of this resolution, which expresses the sense of the House that law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty should be honored, their dedication and sacrifice recognized, and their service to the Nation remembered.

I want to commend the prime sponsors, my colleagues, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD).

Mr. Speaker, Federal, State and local police officers perform a great service for our communities. All too often they literally are the last thread between us and the forces of violence and chaos. We ask a great deal of the officers who protect us. We ask them to defend our homes and families, to patrol our roads and highways and to bring justice to criminals and murderers who would otherwise wreak havoc in our society. We ask a great deal from these brave officers and they seldom fail us. For this we owe the Nation's police officers our deepest gratitude and our strong support.