

209, 302, 401–404, 411, 416, 441, 601–607, 609–612, 631, 651, 652, 661, 711, 712, 721–724, 731, 741–744, 751, 754, 757, 759, 801–811, title IX, sections 1002, 1225–1227, 1451, 1452, 1701, 1820, and title XXIV of the House bill, and sections 125, 126, 142, 212, 230–232, 251–253, 302, 318, 327, 346, 401–407, 415, 503, 601–607, 609, 610, 624, 631–635, 706, 721, 722, 725, 731, 734, 751, 752, 757, 801, title IX, title X, sections 1102, 1103, 1105, 1106, 1224, title XIV, sections 1601, 1602, and 1611 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. GORDON.

Proposed that Mr. COSTELLO is appointed in lieu of Mr. GORDON for consideration of sections 401–404, 411, 416 and 441 of the House bill, and sections 401–407 and 415 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 101–103, 105, 108, 109, 137, 205, 208, 231, 241, 242, 320, 328–330, 377, 379, 721–724, 741–744, 751, 755, 756, 758, 811, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1234, 1236, 1241, 1281–1283, 1285, 1295, 1442, 1446, 2008, 2010, 2026, 2029, 2030, 2207, and 2210 of the House bill, and sections 101–103, 105, 107, 108, 281, 325, 344, 345, 383, 731–733, 752, 1211, 1221, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1261, 1263, 1266, and 1291 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YOUNG of Alaska, PETRI, and OBERSTAR.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of title XIII of the House bill, and sections 135, 405, title XV, and section 1611 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. THOMAS, CAMP, and RANGEL.

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged message from the Senate:

In the Senate of the United States, July 11, 2005.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (H.R. 2985) entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.", to make technical corrections in the engrossment of the Senate amendment.

Attest: Emily J. Reynolds, Secretary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the request of the Senate is agreed to, and H.R. 2985 will be returned to the Senate.

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2864.

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

There was no objection.

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WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to House Resolution 346 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2864.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2864) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, with Mr. BONILLA in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN).

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of this legislation. I want to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) for their hard work.

This is a bill that has been from very bipartisan work together, which made it, in fact, a great bill.

And I urge everybody to vote against the Flake amendment. Keep that in mind. The Flake amendment is not a good amendment for this bill. If we want to relieve our congestion on our highways, we have to use our waterways.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

First, let me thank the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), our chairman and ranking member, and the chair of the subcommittee for their leadership. I am delighted to acknowledge that this committee works bipartisanship.

Today, we consider the Water Resources Development Act of 2005. And

this bill addresses what the Congress failed to do for the past 5 years, to enact a Water Resources Development Act.

I support biennial legislation for the Corps water resources program. It is critical to maintain a 2-year cycle to provide continuity to the program and certainly to the nonfederal sponsors who support the Corps projects.

A biennial cycle also affords Congress the opportunity to monitor and, if necessary, amend the workings of the Corps program, often in response to changing circumstances.

H.R. 2864 authorizes projects for the entirety of the Corps civil works program. It includes major flood control, navigation, environmental restoration, and other water resources projects. This legislation represents roughly 5½ years of project requests and modifications, as well as oversight over how the Corps of Engineers carries out its business.

As in the past, projects included in this bill were included not on the basis of whether they were Democratic projects or Republican projects but on their individual merit. And this is as it should be.

Many of these projects provide vital public safety and economic benefits to our constituents. Their approval should not be withheld solely for partisan reasons. Again, I thank the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN), the chairman of the subcommittee, for working with me and with individual Members on both sides of the aisle to accommodate their requests for this important legislation. All of us know that the more we delay projects like this, the more costly they become and sometimes the conditions worsen.

I also acknowledge our leadership of the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), our ranking member, who cannot be here because he is attending the funeral of his mother-in-law, but he certainly has interest and a great deal of expertise in water resources issues.

I strongly support this legislation and recommend that my colleagues vote in favor of final passage.

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise to urge all Members to support H.R. 2864, the Water Resources Development Act of 2005. I want to first acknowledge the great assistance, the hard work, and especially the bipartisan nature of all the efforts of the staff on both sides and the gentleman from Alaska (Chairman YOUNG), our great chairman; the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR), our ranking member, who has worked on this committee as a staff member and as a member since being elected to the House and has seniority over all of us on that; and my close friendship and good working relationship with the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE