

bring together the expertise and resources of the Federal and non-Federal communities in achieving national dam safety hazard reduction.”

S. 2735 reauthorizes the National Dam Safety Program through fiscal year 2011. The dam safety program, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides grants to state regulatory agencies, funds research projects aimed at improving dam safety, and trains safety officials and dam operators.

Of the 79,777 public and private dams in the United States, there are currently 11,811 High Hazard dams across the country. If one of these dams fails, it could cost lives and damage the economy and the environment. From 2000 to 2006, the number of hazard dams increased by almost 20 percent.

These dams can pose a significant threat. Between 1999 and 2004, States reported 1,090 dam safety incidents including 125 failures. Deficient or unsafe dams mean that these dams have been identified as having hydrologic or structural deficiencies that make them susceptible to a failure triggered by a large storm event, an earthquake, progressive deterioration, or inadequate maintenance. Currently, States have identified approximately 3,400 dams as being deficient or unsafe—an increase of 33 percent since 1998.

Since the creation of the National Dam Safety Program in 1996, dam safety inspections have increased significantly. In addition, the Program has provided funding to increase the amount and the quality of dam safety research and has increased the amount of direct assistance for training state officials and providing technical seminars and workshops.

Presently, many states lack the financial resources to effectively carry out the program and many State regulatory programs lack the support they require at a time when these critical program funds are truly needed. Clearly, there is a need for this program, the funds it provides, and the technical support it offers States.

Mr. Speaker, I support the bill and urge its approval.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2735.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bills just passed, H.R. 6428 and S. 2735.

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

There was no objection.

#### PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION TO ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 5946, MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 123) providing for correction to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5946.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. CON. RES. 123

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5946, the Clerk of the House shall make the following corrections:

(1) In the table of contents, strike the item relating to section 702 and redesignate the item relating to section 703 as relating to section 702.

(2) In title VII, strike section 702 and redesignate section 703 as section 702.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

This resolution corrects the text of H.R. 5946, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006. The Senate amendment to that bill included a provision not in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Resources, and with the passage of this resolution, that provision will be deleted when the bill is enrolled.

And, Mr. Speaker, the Magnuson-Stevens Act is an act 30 years old that manages the Nation's fisheries out 200 miles. It is a bill that deals with an industry that is nearly \$100 billion annually. And what we have done with this bill, with the Members, with the chairman of the Resources Committee, Mr. POMBO; with the former chairman of the Resources Committee, Mr. DON YOUNG; Mr. RAHALL; FRANK PALLONE; JIM SAXTON; and a number of Members; and I also want to compliment the staff on the House side, the staff on both committees, personal staff. And those people who helped us with the Senate, they have made a bill that is going to be successful, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, because this act enables the management of a public resource that is worth about \$100 billion to be integrated with fishermen, with processors, with distributors, with university scientists, government scientists, council members, and private citizens. The bill goes a long way to sustain and restore

the Nation's fishery. It ends overfishing, rebuilds depleted stocks, improves safety and life at sea, protects fish habitat, enables us to better understand the ecology of our oceans, improves the management of our councils, fairly and equitably deals with overcapitalization, and numerous other provisions.

This is a good piece of legislation. It further restores and goes a long way into enabling us to carry out the traditions of Senator Magnuson and Senator STEVENS.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this most sustainable fisheries act.

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

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, this is a technical measure, and we have no problems with it on our side. I support it.

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

Mr. GILCHREST. 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 Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 123.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5946) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read 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 “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006”.

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Amendment of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Sec. 3. Changes in findings and definitions.

Sec. 4. Highly migratory species.

Sec. 5. Total allowable level of foreign fishing.

Sec. 6. Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund.

Sec. 7. Authorization of appropriations.

#### TITLE I—CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

Sec. 101. Cumulative impacts.

Sec. 102. Caribbean Council jurisdiction.