

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise in support of this legislation. It has taken a considerable amount of work over several years to reach this point.

It initially arose when a constituent contacted me; he was extremely frustrated, because they were unable to use their radios, television sets, and their cordless telephones, because a neighbor near them was blasting away at 100 watts of CB power when the legal limit is only 5 watts. He had illegally attached a high power amplifier to his CB system.

This person, my constituent, had contacted the police. They were unable to help. They simply said, we do not have jurisdiction. He had contacted State agencies. They also could not help. In both cases, he was told to contact the Federal Communications Commission. When he did so, they said, yes, this person is breaking the law, but we do not have the personnel to go everywhere in the country to take care of this matter. As a result of this situation I have introduced this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I initially thought this constituent's problem was a rather isolated incident. Once I introduced the bill, I heard from individuals and organizations across the country that were encountering the same problem. Since I had apparently hit a hot nerve with a number of members of the public, I decided this bill was worth pursuing.

The Senate has made minor changes to the bill which clarify it and which take care of some concerns of the truckers who, as my colleagues know, use CBs very heavily. They were worried about perhaps being harassed by improper use of this law, but we have taken care of that. I believe it is now in very, very good shape and will serve the purpose for which it was intended.

There will not be any further complications with it; therefore, I urge the Members of the House to concur in the Senate amendments and pass this bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, I just would like to commend the gentleman from Louisiana (Chairman TAUZIN), the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), and another original cosponsor of this bill, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), for the efforts to bring this bill to the floor today.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I simply want to say thank you to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), my friend, who has always demonstrated, as the Committee on Commerce often does, a bipartisan spirit to improve the condition of our consumer protection laws.

This certainly is not a bill that is going to reshape the economy of Louisiana or America or Michigan or

Maryland, but it nevertheless is an unusually important bill to neighbors who cannot use their telephones and their television sets.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), my friend.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Louisiana (Chairman TAUZIN) for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I simply want to thank the members of the Committee on Commerce, especially the gentleman from Louisiana (Chairman TAUZIN), who has been very helpful in this, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), and the ranking member (Mr. DINGELL), and, of course, the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman BLLEY), who has also been involved in this. I appreciate their help in all aspects of this bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to point out, even while we are going through an awfully hotly contested election and waiting to find out who our next President may be, we are still working here and still improving the state of our Nation's laws and this small, but important area making sure that consumers enjoy their televisions and their radios and their mobile telephone sets in their homes.

This is an important bill that helps American families in a very special way when they run into this problem. It will give them local redress so they do not have to come all the way to Washington to get help.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), my friend, for persevering all this year to bring this to final action in this House. I want to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman BLLEY), because without the assistance of the gentleman from Virginia, obviously, we would not have moved the bill to this point.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), the ranking member of the Committee on Commerce, and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, for their extraordinarily bipartisan cooperation on this and so many communication bills that our committee works on.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), my friend, for being here to help us finalize this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN).

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I would only like to say the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) has put a good perspective on this bill. It does not shake the Earth, but yet it is very im-

portant to our constituents to show that we are, in fact, here working, carrying out the public's business.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for yielding me the time.

Mr. TAUZIN. 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 Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 2346.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 6 p.m.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 125) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, to the end that the joint resolution be hereby passed; and that a motion to reconsider be hereby laid on the table.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 125 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 125

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. Public Law 106-275 is further amended by striking the date specified in section 106(c) and inserting "December 5, 2000", and by adding, at the end, the following three new sections:

"SEC. 121. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, except section 107, there are appropriated for all construction expenses, salaries, and other expenses associated with conducting the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States, January 20, 2001, in accordance with such program as may be adopted by the joint committee authorized by Senate Concurrent Resolution 89, agreed to March 14, 2000 (One Hundred Sixth Congress), and Senate Concurrent Resolution 90, agreed to March 14, 2000 (One Hundred

Sixth Congress), \$1,000,000 to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate and to remain available until September 30, 2001. Funds made available under this heading shall be available for payment, on a direct or reimbursable basis, whether incurred on, before, or after, October 1, 2000: *Provided*, That the compensation of any employee of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate who has been designated to perform service for the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies shall continue to be paid by the Committee on Rules and Administration, but the account from which such staff member is paid may be reimbursed for the services of the staff member (including agency contributions when appropriate) out of funds made available under this heading.

“(b) During fiscal year 2001 the Secretary of Defense shall provide protective services on a non-reimbursable basis to the United States Capitol Police with respect to the following events:

“(1) Upon request of the Chair of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies established under Senate Concurrent Resolution 89 (One Hundred Sixth Congress), agreed to March 14, 2000, the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States.

“(2) Upon request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the joint session of Congress held to receive a message from the President of the United States on the State of the Union.

“SEC. 122. Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution except Section 107, \$5,961,000 shall be available for a payment to the District of Columbia to reimburse the District for expenses incurred in connection with Presidential inauguration activities.

“SEC. 123. Notwithstanding limitations imposed by this continuing resolution except Section 107, the Executive Residence at the White House is authorized to make expenditures to provide for the orderly transition and moving expenses following the election on November 7, 2000.”

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding section 106 of Public Law 106-275, funds shall be available and obligations for mandatory payments due on or about December 1, 2000, may continue to be made.

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

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Florida so he might be allowed to explain his motion.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise Members this extends the date of the original CR until December 5, 2000. It provides authority to make mandatory payments due on December 1, 2000, which are Social Security, Veterans benefits and other entitlement programs that have to be approved.

It amends the original CR, this is new, to provide \$1 million for the legislative branch inaugural expenses that were contained in the vetoed legislative branch appropriations act.

Secondly, it provides \$5.961 million for the District of Columbia inaugural

expenses that are contained in the held-up District of Columbia appropriations act.

It provides approximately \$200,000 for executive residence transition and moving expenses that were contained in the vetoed Treasury, Postal Service, General Government appropriations act.

That is what the CR does, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, continuing under my reservation of objection, let me simply say that my understanding is that this CR would continue to keep the government open through Tuesday, December 5.

It had certainly been my original hope that since the ergonomics issue, which has caused so much contention between the two parties, has now been issued, it had been hoped that since the objection to that standard is now moot, that we would, in fact, be able to move forward with the Labor, Health, Education conference, the remaining issues in that conference, and also reach a compromise with respect to the State, Justice, Commerce appropriations bill finishing the work of the Committee on Appropriations for this year.

It is apparent that the House leadership does not at this point want to release that bill. Under the circumstances, I would agree that there is no point in holding Members here with the unrealistic expectation that something is going to happen over the next week or so on the appropriations bills.

I think that under the circumstances, the date for the renewal of the resolution suggested by the gentleman makes sense.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say I agree with what the gentleman from Wisconsin has said, and I hope that we can resolve these issues that have held us apart for these past few weeks.

Again, I think the gentleman would acknowledge what I am about to say that the issues that are holding us up from completing these bills are not appropriations issues, they are riders on appropriations bills.

I agree with the gentleman, I hope we can resolve them quickly and expeditiously and prepare for next year's appropriations process.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, continuing my reservation of objection, I would hope that come December 5, we can do as I just described so that this lame duck session can, in fact, adjourn before it does too much damage to the Republicans.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

S. 2594, by the yeas and nays;

S. 1972, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

CARRIAGE OF NONPROJECT WATER BY MANCOS PROJECT, COLORADO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 2594.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2594, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 201, nays 151, not voting 80, as follows:

[Roll No. 595]

YEAS—201

Archer	Deal	Hutchinson
Armey	DeLay	Hyde
Bachus	DeMint	Isakson
Baker	Doolittle	Istook
Barr	Doyle	Jenkins
Barrett (NE)	Dreier	Johnson (CT)
Bartlett	Duncan	Johnson, Sam
Barton	Ehlers	Jones (NC)
Bass	Emerson	Kelly
Bereuter	English	Kildee
Biggert	Everett	King (NY)
Bilbray	Ewing	Kingston
Bilirakis	Fletcher	Knollenberg
Bliley	Foley	Kolbe
Blunt	Fowler	Kuykendall
Boehlert	Franks (NJ)	LaHood
Boehner	Galleghy	LaTourette
Bonilla	Gekas	Lazio
Bono	Gibbons	Leach
Brady (TX)	Gillmor	Lewis (CA)
Bryant	Gilman	Lewis (KY)
Burton	Goode	Linder
Buyer	Goodling	LoBiondo
Callahan	Goss	Lucas (KY)
Calvert	Graham	Lucas (OK)
Camp	Granger	Manzullo
Campbell	Green (WI)	Martinez
Canady	Greenwood	McCollum
Cannon	Gutknecht	McCrery
Castle	Hall (TX)	McHugh
Chabot	Hastings (WA)	McInnis
Chambliss	Hayes	McKeon
Chenoweth-Hage	Hayworth	Metcalf
Coble	Herger	Mica
Collins	Hill (MT)	Miller, Gary
Combest	Hilleary	Moran (KS)
Cook	Hobson	Morella
Cox	Hoekstra	Myrick
Crane	Horn	Nethercutt
Cubin	Hostettler	Ney
Cunningham	Houghton	Northup
Davis (VA)	Hunter	Norwood