

REPORT ON H.R. 2330, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. BONILLA, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-116) on the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXI, all points of order are reserved.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2180

Mrs. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 2180.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, and that I may be permitted to include tabular and extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 180 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. 2311.

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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. 2311) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, with Mr. SIMPSON 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 Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CALLAHAN).

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

Mr. Chairman, it is my privilege to bring before the body today the fiscal year 2002 appropriations bill for energy and water needs facing this country. We have tried desperately to work with all the Members on both sides of the aisle to bring before you today a fair bill, a bill that has addressed most of the concerns of the Members who have contacted us. Mr. Chairman, there have been extensive contacts with us. In our deliberations we have come forward with a bill that I think provides the administration with ample funds for energy and water and reclamation needs in this country.

The bill agrees with President Bush that we should constrain government growth. I am happy to report that this bill constrains government growth because it is only increased about a one-half of 1 percent over the FY year 2001 level of funding.

The total funding in H.R. 2311 is \$23.7 billion. This is \$147 million, as I said, less than one-half of 1 percent, more than fiscal year 2001, for energy and water development programs.

Title I of the bill provides funding for the civil works program of the Corps of Engineers. The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development is unanimous in its belief that these programs are among the most valuable within the subcommittee's jurisdiction. The national benefits of projects for flood control, for navigation and shoreline protection substantially exceed project costs. The bill acknowledges the importance of water infrastructure by funding the civil works program at \$4.47 billion, an increase of only \$568 million over last year's appropriation.

Within the amount appropriated to the Corps of Engineers, \$163 million is

for general investigations, \$1.67 billion is for the construction program, and \$1.86 billion is for operations and maintenance. In addition, the bill includes \$347 million for the flood control, Mississippi River and Tributaries project. The bill also funds the budget request for the regulatory program and the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.

In title II, which is for the Bureau of Reclamation, we spend \$842 million, an increase of only \$26 million over fiscal year 2001.

Title III provides \$18 billion for the Department of Energy, an increase of \$444 million over fiscal year 2001.

So in all three areas of jurisdiction the bill is within the suggested constraints that President Bush has submitted to us, whereby we control excessive government growth spending. We are very pleased to have done that.

We sought to maintain level funding for basic research in science programs; and we provided \$3.17 billion, an increase of \$6.5 million over the budget request. Funding of \$276.3 million has been provided for construction of the Spallation Neutron Source, the same as the budget request. We have sought to respond to all of the needs, and we visited some of the projects throughout the country in trying to determine where our priorities ought to be.

I think if there is anything, Mr. Chairman, that pleases me, it is the way we have been able to work in a bipartisan fashion with the minority. We have been able to respond, as I said earlier, to most every legitimate need, we feel, that has been brought before us for our consideration. I am happy to have the support of so many Members of Congress in helping us draft this legislation.

Mr. Chairman, I owe a debt of gratitude to the hard work of the dedicated members of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. They have labored under difficult constraints to produce a bill that is balanced and fair. I am especially grateful to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKY), our ranking minority member. It is in large part due to his efforts that we present a bill that merits the support of all Members of the House.

Mr. Chairman, I urge all Members to support H.R. 2311 as reported by the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Chairman, I include the following charts for the RECORD.