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 H.R. 1450: Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1997 (67)

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶67.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, June 17, 1997.

Mr. TIAHRT, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, objected to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House agree to the Chair's approval of said Journal?

The SPEAKER announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. TIAHRT objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that the vote would be postponed until later today.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶67.2 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

3845. A letter from the Director, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revitalizing Base Closure Communities and Community Assistance—Community Redevelopment and Homeless Assistance (RIN: 0790-AG18) received June 9, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3846. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Office's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Miscellaneous Amendments [Defense Acquisition Circular 91-12] received June 16, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

3847. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting the annual report of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board on the Resolution Funding Corporation for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to Public Law 101-73, section 511(a) (103 Stat. 404); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

3848. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Controls and Displays (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) [Docket No. 96-52; Notice 2] (RIN: 2127-AF86) received June 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3849. A letter from the Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Trust Fund Guidelines [Docket No. RM94-14-001; Order No. 580-A] received June 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3850. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting the Department of the Navy's proposed lease of defense articles to Chile (Transmittal No. 19-97), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2796a(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

3851. A letter from the Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the Authority's report entitled "District of Columbia Financial Plan and Budget, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999-2001," pursuant to Public Law 104-8, section 202(c)(6) (109 Stat. 113); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3852. A letter from the CFO and Plan Administrator, PCA Retirement Committee, First South Production Credit Association, transmitting the fiscal year 1996 annual pension plan report of the First South Production Credit Association, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

3853. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the study report on the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro to determine if it is feasible and desirable to designate it as a component of the National Trails System, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1244(b); to the Committee on Resources.

3854. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the annual report entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sales: Evaluation of Bidding Results and Competition" for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(9); to the Committee on Resources.

3855. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting

the Department's final rule—Low-Stress Hazardous Liquid Pipelines Serving Plants and Terminals (Research and Special Programs Administration) [Docket No. PS-117; Amdt. 195-57] (RIN: 2137-AC87) received June 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3856. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Motor Carrier Routing Regulations; Disposition of Loss and Damage Claims and Processing Salvage; Preservation of RECORDS (Federal Highway Administration) (RIN: 2125-AE12) received June 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3857. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Government Securities: Call for Large Position Reports [17 CFR Part 420] received June 10, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3858. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the Generalized System of Preferences; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3859. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the utilization of Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS) graduates, pursuant to Public Law 104-201 section 741(e) (110 Stat. 2600); jointly to the Committees on National Security and Commerce.

3860. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's report on the Portfolio Re-engineering Demonstration Program for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997, pursuant to Public Law 104-134, section 210(g) (110 Stat. 1321-287); jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Appropriations.

3861. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a report on deliveries under Section 540 of P.L. 104-107 to the Government of Bosnia-Herzegovina, pursuant to Public Law 104-107, section 540(c) (110 Stat. 736); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

3862. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to improve pension and benefit security, to provide equitable railroad retirement benefits; jointly to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means, Government Reform and Oversight, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

3863. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency of Federal statistical programs and the quality of federal statistics by permitting limited sharing of records for statistical purposes under strong safeguards; jointly to the Committees on Government Reform and Oversight, Commerce, the Judiciary, Science, and Education and the Workforce.

¶67.3 PROVIDING FOR THE

CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 437

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 164):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 437) to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Pro-

gram Act, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour, with forty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXIII. Each section of that amendment shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. GOSS, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶67.4 SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, pursuant to House Resolution 164 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 437) to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. ROGAN as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. ROGAN, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 164, reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee.

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

The following amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or re-

peal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO DEFINITIONS.

(a) SEA GRANT INSTITUTION.—Section 203 (33 U.S.C. 1122) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(16) The term 'sea grant institution' means—

"(A) any sea grant college or sea grant regional consortium, and

"(B) any institution of higher education, institute, laboratory, or State or local agency conducting a sea grant program with amounts provided under this Act."

(b) FIELD RELATED TO OCEAN, COASTAL, AND GREAT LAKES RESOURCES.—Section 203(4) (33 U.S.C. 1122(4)) is amended to read as follows:

"(4) The term 'field related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources' means any discipline or field, including marine affairs, resource management, technology, education, or science, which is concerned with or likely to improve the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources."

(c) SECRETARY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 203(13) (33 U.S.C. 1122(13)) is amended to read as follows:

"(13) The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere."

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Act is amended—

(A) by striking section 203(15) (33 U.S.C. 1122(15));

(B) in section 209(b) (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)), as amended by this Act, by striking ", the Under Secretary,"; and

(C) by striking "Under Secretary" every other place it appears and inserting "Secretary".

SEC. 4. CONSULTATIONS REGARDING LONG-RANGE PLANNING GUIDELINES AND PRIORITIES AND EVALUATION.

Section 204(a) (33 U.S.C. 1123(a)) is amended in the last sentence by inserting after "The Secretary" the following: ", in consultation with the sea grant institutions and the panel established under section 209."

SEC. 5. DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.

Section 204(c) (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall administer the National Sea Grant College Program subject to the supervision of the Secretary. In addition to any other duty prescribed by law or assigned by the Secretary, the Director shall—

"(A) advise the Secretary with respect to the expertise and capabilities which are available within or through the National Sea Grant College Program, and provide (as directed by the Secretary) those which are or could be of use to other offices and activities within the Administration;

"(B) encourage other Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities to use and take advantage of the expertise and capabilities which are available through the National Sea Grant College Program, on a cooperative or other basis;

"(C) encourage cooperation and coordination with other Federal programs concerned with ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources conservation and usage;

"(D) advise the Secretary on the designation of sea grant institutions and, in appropriate cases, if any, on the termination or suspension of any such designation;

"(E) encourage the formation and growth of sea grant programs; and

"(F) oversee the operation of the National Sea Grant Office established under subsection (a).

"(2) DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO SEA GRANT INSTITUTIONS.—With respect to the sea grant institutions, the Director shall—

"(A) evaluate the programs of the institutions, using the guidelines and priorities established by the Secretary under subsection (a), to ensure that the objective set forth in section 202(b) is achieved;

"(B) subject to the availability of appropriations, allocate funding among the sea grant institutions so as to—

"(i) promote healthy competition among those institutions,

"(ii) promote successful implementation of the programs developed by the institutions under subsection (e), and

"(iii) to the maximum extent consistent with the other provisions of this subparagraph, provide a stable base of funding for the institutions; and

"(C) ensure compliance by the institutions with the guidelines for merit review published pursuant to section 207(b)(2)."

SEC. 6. DUTIES OF SEA GRANT INSTITUTIONS.

Section 204 (33 U.S.C. 1123) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(e) DUTIES OF THE SEA GRANT INSTITUTIONS.—Subject to any regulations or guidelines promulgated by the Secretary, it shall be the responsibility of each sea grant institution to—

"(1) develop and implement, in consultation with the Secretary and the panel established under section 209, a program that is consistent with the guidelines and priorities developed under section 204(a); and

"(2) conduct merit review of all applications for project grants or contracts to be awarded under section 205."

SEC. 7. SEA GRANT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 3(a) of the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976 (33 U.S.C. 1124(a)) is amended in paragraph (6), by striking "living marine resources" and all that follows through the end of the paragraph and inserting "living marine resources."

(b) PROGRAM SUNSET.—

(1) REPEAL.—Section 3 of the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976 (33 U.S.C. 1124a) is repealed.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 209(b)(1) (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)(1)) is amended by striking "and section 3 of the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976".

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall take effect October 1, 2000.

SEC. 8. DESIGNATION OF SEA GRANT INSTITUTIONS.

Section 207 (33 U.S.C. 1126) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 207. SEA GRANT COLLEGES AND SEA GRANT REGIONAL CONSORTIA.

"(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary may designate an institution of higher learning as a sea grant college, and an association or alliance of two or more persons as a sea grant regional consortium, if the institution, association, or alliance—

"(1) is maintaining a balanced program of research, education, training, and advisory services in fields related to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources;

"(2) will cooperate with other sea grant institutions and other persons to solve problems or meet needs relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources;

"(3) will act in accordance with such guidelines as are prescribed under subsection (b)(2);

"(4) meets such other qualifications as the Secretary, in consultation with the sea grant review panel established under section 209, considers necessary or appropriate; and