Whereas, in 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower christened the new Ford Research and Engineering Center, which was a milestone in the company's dedication to automotive excellence and houses some of the most modern facilities for automotive research;

Whereas Ford's innovation continued through the introduction of the Ford Taurus, which was named the Motor Trend Car of the Year, and which resulted in future aerodynamic design trends throughout the industry;

Whereas this innovation continued through the 1990s with the debut in 1993 of the Ford Mondeo, European Car of the Year, the redesign of the Ford Mustang, and the introduction in 1990 of the Ford Explorer, which defined the sports utility vehicle (SUV) segment and remains the best selling SUV in the world;

Whereas, as the 21st century begins, Ford continues its marvelous record for fine products with the best-selling car in the world, the Ford Focus, and the best-selling truck in the world, the Ford F-Series;

Whereas the Ford Motor Company is the world's second largest automaker, and includes Lincoln, Mercury, Aston Martin, Jaguar, Land Rover, Volvo, and Mazda automotive brands, as well as other diversified subsidiaries in finance and other domestic and international business areas; and

Whereas, on October 30, 2001, William Clay Ford, Jr., the great-grandson of Henry Ford, became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Ford Motor Company, and as such is concentrating on the fundamentals that have powered the Ford Motor Company to greatness over the last century and made it a world-class auto and truck manufacturer, and that will continue to carry the company through the 21st century to develop even better products and innovations: Now, therefore,

Be it

Mr. UPTON (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the title be agreed to.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment to the title was agreed to.

Mr. UPTON (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the title be considered as read and printed in the Record.

The Clerk read as follows:

The amendment to the title was agreed to.

Mr. UPTON (during the reading). The amendment to the title was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have permission to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 100, the resolution just agreed to.

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

There was no objection.

Whereas, the bill, as amended, authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services have permission to file a supplemental report on the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

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

There was no objection.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Sweeney). Pursuant to House Resolution 245 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the amendment to the preamble agreed to. The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

Mr. UPTON (during the reading). The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

The amendment to the title was agreed to.

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the House of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1588.

The Chair designates the gentleman from California (Mr. Bonilla) as chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and requests the gentleman from New York (Mr. Sweeney) to assume the chair temporarily.

Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, we need a number of what I would call so-called enablers to continue to fight today's wars and also prepare for tomorrow's wars. We need airlifts. You have to have the ability to move that air bridge and move across that air bridge either from the United States to a military operation around the world, or to move from foreign-based troops, troops in Germany or other places, move them into the battlefields and not only move troops in but move equipment in and provide that bridge of tankers to be able to move strike aircraft in, long-range strike aircraft or the tactical aircraft which, combined with precision munitions, can hit those targets, whether it is an al Qaeda cave in Afghanistan or a leadership bunker in

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have

At a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.