

began the movement of more environmental legislation.

The issue is not the environmental legislation that was passed. The issue is today how we are carrying out that environmental legislation. I want to read to you the purpose statement set forth by the Congress of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, known as NEPA.

That purpose and policy statement reads as follows: To declare a national policy which will encourage production and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to this Nation.

You see, Mr. Speaker, NEPA is a very important document that has been for too long overlooked. First, NEPA is the national policy which recognizes the importance of production from our natural resources. In fact, the first purpose listed uses the words "encourage production." Second, NEPA recognizes man as an important element of our environment when it states "Harmony between man and his environment." Not only does NEPA recognize man as extremely important in this equation, but recognizes that the environment is his. NEPA indicates that man has the right of possession of the natural resources, but that these resources are to be used in a responsible manner, not to be locked away without man's use. Then NEPA recognizes that man has a role to prevent damage to the environment, so as to stimulate the health and welfare of man.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, NEPA tells us that we must enrich that understanding and importance of natural resources to our Nation. While NEPA clearly defines the role of man with his environment, we as a law making body have failed—failed to provide proper management of our natural forests. The Federal agencies have diverted congressional funds to other programs such as affirmative action programs and ecosystem management programs, multiple agreements with other agencies which are diverted into programs such as ecosystem management. And while this has happened, we have allowed a huge buildup of fuel to build up on the forest floor, creating tremendous potential for fires. That is the reason for this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, last year in the Northwest alone we had 67,000 fires. We burned 8.135 billion board feet of timber. That is enough to construct 542,000 homes and provide 1.5 million jobs just in home construction.

After 9 years of continuous drought in the West, and without proper thinning and harvest, and contrary to the acts of Congress that established the national forests in the beginning, the health and stability of these Fed-

eral lands have deteriorated rapidly. Wild fires have devastated millions of acres.

Mr. Speaker, unless these dead stands of timber, the dead and dying timber, is removed immediately through proper harvesting and we return to a proper role of management in our national forests, there will be a tremendous amount of eroded soil to flush into our mountain streams that destroy critical spotting and rearing habitat for our endangered species, the listed salmon.

Although Federal authorities have authority under present law to remove dead and dying timber from our national forests, they have failed to do so, and this is why at this time Congress must intervene to correct this mismanagement.

Timber salvage and proper forest health not only makes good sense for the environment, it makes good sense for our rural communities, our schools, and our roads and the national Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to close my comments by stating just a few things that wood provides, including rayon, photographic film, alcohol, football helmets, piano keys, on and on and on. This Nation cannot do without wood.

Mr. Speaker, I just hope that this body will recognize that and we can return to a multiple use, sustained yield policy in our national forests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. SANDERS] in recognized for 60 minutes.

[Mr. SANDERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. COOLEY] in recognized for 30 minutes.

[Mr. COOLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. CLYBURN] in recognized for 60 minutes.

[Mr. CLYBURN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] in recognized for 60 minutes.

[Ms. JACKSON-LEE addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Miss COLLINS of Michigan (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of illness.

Mrs. THURMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. BLILEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), after 2 p.m. today, on account of illness.

Mrs. CUBIN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of recovering from surgery.

Mr. ROGERS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today until 5:30 p.m., on account of illness in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HANSEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material)

Mr. MANZULLO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHABOT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HAYWORTH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LINDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WAMP, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WHITFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DEFAZIO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material)

Mr. GUTIERREZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MONTGOMERY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAUBRE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KILDEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. MANZULLO) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material)

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HANSEN) and to include extraneous matter)

Mr. BUYER.

Mr. HASTERT.

Mr. FAWELL.

Mr. BAKER of California.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DEFAZIO) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. MILLER of California.
Mrs. SCHROEDER.
Mr. MONTGOMERY.
Mr. MATSUI.
Ms. WOOLSEY.
Mr. NEAL.
Ms. SLAUGHTER.
Mr. MINETA.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. FILNER.
Ms. ESHOO.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MANZULLO) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. PACKARD.
Mr. LAHOOD.
Mr. FORBES, in two instances.
Mr. LATOURETTE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. EHRLICH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ROTH.
Mr. PALLONE.
Mr. GORDON.
Ms. BROWN of Florida.
Mr. OWENS.
Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, March 15, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

534. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act which occurred in the Department of the Air Force, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

535. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Secretary's determination and certification regarding Government actions to terminate chemical weapons proliferation activities of foreign persons, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

536. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning a cooperative research and development effort with the NATO Hawk Production and Logistics Organization for the fire direction operations center project (Transmittal No. 03-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2676(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

537. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the engineering and manufacturing development [EMD] phase of the Evolved Seasparrrow Missile Program (Transmittal No. 04-95), pursuant to 22

U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

538. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-27, "Air Pollution Control Program Regulations Federal Conformity Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

539. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-28, "Government Managers Accountability Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

540. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-26, "Foreign Physicians of Conceded Eminence University, Hospital, and Medical Centers Practices Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

541. A letter from the Director, Audit Operations, Division B, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final report, "Review of VA's Implementation of the Anti-Influencing Requirements of Public Law 101-121," pursuant to Public Law 101-121, section 319(a)(1) (103 Stat. 753); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

542. A letter from the Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

543. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

544. A letter from the Boy Scouts of America, transmitting the Boy Scouts of America 1994 report to the Nation, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 28; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

545. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting three reports on sentencing issues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

546. A letter from the Deputy Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting an informational copy of the space situation report for Cambria County, PA, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 606(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. ROBERTS: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1135. A bill to improve the commodity distribution programs of the Department of Agriculture, to reform and simplify the Food Stamp Program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-77). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 115. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1158) making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-78). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, and Mr. REGULA):

H.R. 1221. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish Federal standards for long-term care insurance policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. KLUG, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. MINGE, Mr. DICK-EY, Mr. MCHALE, Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, and Mr. CASTLE):

H.R. 1222. A bill to require that travel awards that accrue by reason of official travel of a Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives be used only with respect to official travel; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. BROWN of California:

H.R. 1223. A bill to amend the act of June 15, 1938, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase lands within the boundaries of certain National Forests in the State of California to include the Angeles National Forest and to expand the purpose for which such purchases may be made; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DEAL of Georgia:

H.R. 1224. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to detail members of the Armed Forces to other Federal agencies to assist such agencies in enforcing the drug, immigration, and customs laws of the United States in border areas, to make certain aliens ineligible for certain social services, and to provide for grants to the States to compensate for State costs associated with resident lawful aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on National Security, Agriculture, Commerce, Ways and Means, and Economic and Educational Opportunities, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FAWELL (for himself, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. HOEKSTRA, and Mr. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 1225. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt employees who perform certain court reporting duties from the compensatory time requirements applicable to certain public agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. FAWELL (for himself and Mr. PETRI):

H.R. 1226. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to make uniform the application of the overtime exemption for inside sales personnel; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. FAWELL:

H.R. 1227. A bill to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM):

H.R. 1228. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide a limited exemption from the child labor provisions of