Although it is uncertain whether either piece of legislation will eventually become law, it is a fact that since 1950, there have been 68 franchise moves in baseball, football, basketball and hockey, 37 of which have taken place since 1970. Some existing baseball franchises are in financial trouble, including the Marlins, whose owner Wayne Huizenga now estimates his team will lose $30 million this year, forcing him to reduce his payroll next season or sell the franchise.

Perhaps Huizenga could take a page from his hockey franchise, and sell the Marlins back to the team's fans. This would go a long way towards establishing a balance between the private interests of team owners to maintain a profitable business and the ability of the Florida community to enjoy the direct and indirect benefits of having a professional baseball team.

NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER: PART 2

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and pay credit to the excellent work being conducted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's [NASA's] Lewis Research Center [Lewis].

The center, located in Cleveland, OH, is one of 10 NASA field centers, Employing more than 2,000 personnel and comprised in more than 140 buildings, Lewis is one of NASA's larger research facilities and has, since its groundbreaking in 1941, been invested with some $480 million. Lewis has developed an international reputation for its research on jet propulsion systems and under the current directorship of Donald Campbell, research and development of new propulsion power is continuing to flourish.

NASA has designated Lewis as its No. 1 center for aeropropulsion. Its pioneering work in developing and verifying aeropropulsion technology has benefited the Nation directly, through the results and data which it has complied and also through the transfer of this knowledge to U.S. industry. Indirectly, such advances have significantly contributed to the promotion of economic growth and national security through safe and superior U.S. aircraft propulsion systems.

Lewis is also NASA's Center of Excellence in Turbomachinery. It has developed innovative technology and made use of its analytical and experimental expertise to enhance future aerospace technology. Lewis' other roles and missions include aeronautics research, onboard space applications and commercial communications.

The following Congressional Research Service report, ''NASA Lewis Research Center: Part 2,'' outlines the functions, history, and current roles and missions of the center:

NASA LEWIS RESEARCH CENTER: PART 2

INTRODUCTION

This report examines the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Lewis Research Center (LeRC).[1] Changes at the center during the 1990s are examined as well as how NASA's announced plans compare with Lewis' current roles and missions.

Whenever the closing of any of NASA's centers is discussed within the space community, some mention Lewis as a likely candidate. This report finds that although Lewis has been downsized at a greater rate in the 1990s than most of NASA's centers, it does not appear to be in danger of being closed in the near-term if currently planned budgets are funded. As currently envisioned, Lewis is expected to have a significant role in NASA's future in fulfilling the goals set forth in the agency's strategic plan through 2025 and beyond.

LOCATION

The center is located 20 miles southwest of Cleveland, Ohio, occupying 350 acres of land adjacent to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Lewis comprises more than 140 buildings that include 24 major facilities and over 500 specialized research and test facilities. Additional facilities are located at Plum Brook Station, a 6,400-acre facility about 50 miles west of Cleveland and 3 miles south of Sandusky, Ohio. The center currently has approximately 2,150 employees and on-site contractors totaling approximately 1,600.[2] Since its initial groundbreaking in 1941, more than $480 million has been invested in the center's capital plant. According to the center, its currently estimated replacement cost is approximately $1.3 billion.

The Director of LeRC is Donald J. Campbell and the Deputy Director is Martin P. Kress. Julian M. Earls is the Deputy Director for Operations.

HISTORY

Lewis was established in 1941 by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA). At that time it was known as the Aircraft Engine Research Laboratory. It was one of three NACA centers nationwide.[3] Named for George W. Lewis, NACA's Director of Research from 1924 to 1947, the center developed an international reputation for its research on jet propulsion systems. The three NACA Centers became the nucleus of NASA when it was created in October 1958.

CURRENT ROLES AND MISSIONS

The work of Lewis is directed toward research and development of new propulsion, power, and communications technologies for application to aeronautics and space. Microgravity research in fluids and combustion also is a main area of focus. The end product of Lewis' work is knowledge, usually in the form of a report, that is made fully available to potential users—the aircraft engine industry, the energy industry, the automotive industry, the space industry, other NASA centers, and other federal government organizations.

NASA has designated Lewis as its Lead Center for Aeropropulsion. The center's role is to develop, verify, and transfer aeropropulsion technologies to U.S. industry. The center's aeropropulsion program plays a significant role in the agency's goals to promote economic growth and national security through safe, superior, and environmentally compatible U.S. civil and military aircraft propulsion systems. The agency's major efforts are in subsonic, supersonic, hypersonic, general aviation, and high-performance aircraft propulsion systems, as well as in materials, structures, internal fluid mechanics, instrumentation and controls, interdisciplinary technologies, and aircraft icing research.

Lewis has also been designated NASA's Center of Excellence in Turbomachinery. It develops innovative technology and leverages its computational, analytical, and experimental expertise in turbomachinery to enhance future aerospace programs. The goal is to attain improvements in reliability, performance, and efficiency; increases in affordability, capacity, safety, and environmental capability; and reductions in design cycle time and development costs. Areas of focus include air-breathing propulsion and power systems, primary and auxiliary propulsion and power systems, on-board propulsion systems, and rotating machinery for the pumping of fuels. Related technologies include fans, compressors, turbines, pumps, combustors, bearings, seals, gears, inlets, nozzles, sensors, and actuators. Related disciplines include materials, structures, lubrication, acoustics, heat transfer, computational fluid dynamics, combustion, cryogenics, icing, and controls.

Lewis' roles and missions include: Managing a broad array of aeronautics research and technology propulsion activities including propulsion support technology and propulsion systems analysis; space applications involving power and on-board propulsion; commercial communications; managing intermediate and large payload launch vehicles; and microgravity research in the disciplines of combustion science, fluids physics, and ground-based research.

Lewis is a major contributor to many NASA-wide programs. These programs include: NASA's High Speed Research program in the areas of combustor design and enabling propulsion materials; the Advanced Communications Technology Satellite (ACTS) effort; microgravity research on board the Space Shuttle in addition to its historical contributions to the program; the development of the Lewis-designed Electrical Power System for the International Space Station (ISS). Lewis will also be a major contributor to the microgravity science aboard the ISS including the development of the Fluids and Combustion Facility; U.S.-Russian cooperative programs such as the Mir Cooperative Solar Array and providing microgravity science experiments; and the Mars Pathfinder mission.

FOOTNOTES

[1] Lewis is one of 10 NASA field centers. The other nine field centers are Ames Research Center (ARC) in California, Dryden Flight Research Center (DFRC) in California, Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Maryland, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, the Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Texas, the Langley Research Center (LaRC) in Virginia, the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) in Alabama, and the John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) in Mississippi. Except for JPL, which is a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) run by the California Institute of Technology, all these centers are federally owned and operated facilities.

[2] Employee levels are as of March 1997.

[3] Ames Research Center in California and Langley Research Center in Virginia were the other two.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RICHARD L. LESHER, RETIRING PRESIDENT OF U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, February 24, Dr. Richard L. Lesher, the president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, announced his retirement. So, I rise today to recognize Dr. Lesher, an individual who in his 22-year tenure at the helm of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has displayed a singular dedication to nurturing entrepreneurship and championing the cause of America's small businesspeople.

With his steady leadership, Dr. Lesher has left a lasting legacy for our Nation's business

community. Since he assumed the leadership of the chamber, the organization has grown by leaps and bounds. Today, the chamber's membership includes 215,000 members, 3,000 State and local chambers, and 1,200 trade and professional associations. Additionally, the chamber represents 72 American chambers of commerce abroad in 65 nations.

Programmatically, Dr. Lesher was responsible for establishing the National Litigation Law Center that has successfully represented business interests in Federal court. He was also instrumental in developing the Quality Learning Services Program of the Federation Programs and Services Division of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This program is dedicated to delivering management seminars and continuing professional education throughout the United States.

Dr. Lesher has been effective in generating new membership and creating new programs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce because of his success at making the chamber a more active part of American politics and business. He has energetically promoted the chamber's Grassroots Action Information Network [GAIN] that is dedicated to amplifying the voices of chamber members. He also created the ''How They Voted' program, which ranks the voting records of Members of Congress on the basis of their stands on small business issues. Additionally under his watch, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce also launched BizNet—the American Business Network—featuring the shows ''First Business'' and ''It's Your Business.'

Lesher, whose two decades as president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have shown him to be an individual dedicated to promoting small business, individual initiative, and effective grassroots political action. Dr. Lesher's advoacy has had but one end—preserving the United States as a land of opportunity. I applaud Dr. Lesher's fruitful career, and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF HERMAN FEHL'S RETIREMENT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has spent the last 19 years as a devoted public servant of San Benito County. Mr. Herman Fehl has been recognized as a community leader and visionary in both the job training and community action arenas. It is my privilege to be speaking of this man's countless accomplishments today.

In 1978, Mr. Fehl began his public service as the director of San Benito's Comprehensive Employment Training Act program, which over time evolved into the Federal Job Training Partnership Act program. Three years later, Mr. Fehl, in conjunction with several members of the San Benito board of supervisors, successfully established the county as a Community Action Agency [CAA]. This led to Federal community services block grant funding for San Benito County.

In addition to forming the community action agency, in 1984 Mr. Fehl joined together with several community members to form the San Benito County Community Services Development Corporation [CSDC]. This nonprofit corporation is dedicated to helping low-income families become self-sufficient. Mr. Fehl watched the CSDC's assets grow from $30,000 to over $6,000,000. Under his able leadership, CSDC developed the San Benito Business and Industry Park, which includes the Community Services Building. This is an award-winning one stop Social Services Center.

The newly reorganized Department of Community and Workforce Development is now recognized as the primary provider of comprehensive social services for the low-income community. Due to Mr. Fehl's excellent direction, the Department budget has grown to over $3,000,000. Its extensive range of services include rental housing assistance, a homeless shelter, utility assistance, emergency food, and first-time homebuyers mortgage assistance, in addition to plans for on-site child care for job training clients.

If a measure of success is recognition from your peers, Herman Fehl's many contributions to the residents of San Benito have been generously acknowledged: Citizen of the Year 1988 for San Benito County; the 1990 League of United Latin American Citizens award for his devoted service to the Hispanic community in San Benito County; and Disaster Relief Coordinator for his heroic leadership during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

Mr. Speaker, please join me saluting an outstanding public servant who has given so much to his community as both a leader and as a citizen. The residents of San Benito County will sorely miss Herman Fehl's commitment to its citizenry but joins me in extending him a well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FARMLAND INDUSTRIES' AG–21

HON. BILL BARRETT

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring my colleagues' attention to a model pollution prevention program and to recognize several Nebraska farmers and their cooperatives for their achievements.

On June 3, 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] awarded one of eight 1997 Pollution Prevention Award to Farmland Industries' AG–21 program for successfully implementing pollution prevention measures in agricultural production. Farmland was the only agribusiness firm to receive the award this year. An interdepartmental committee within EPA's Region 7 evaluated nearly 30 applications for their innovative approaches, techniques, and use of technology in meeting pollution prevention goals.

AG–21 is an innovative crop production process developed by the Farmland cooperative to raise the agronomic, environmental, and managerial standard for its cooperatives across North America. The program is a partnership between local cooperatives, their farmer members, and Farmland Industries. Each brings their unique skills and experience to the project, including support services, cutting-edge technology, and experience with environmentally sound management practices. The program's goal is to use the best crop production techniques and the latest technology to maximize crop potential in an environmentally friendly manner.

I'm proud to be able to share this news with my colleagues. AG–21 is a unique program with enormous potential. For farmers and all Americans, AG–21 will improve crop yields and quality, sustainability of crop production, and economic yields. Also, it will increase conservation of soil and water, protection of the environment, and protection of human health.

This is the future of environmental protection—it's not government regulation, but individuals working with their communities and businesses to protect the environment while feeding a hungry world. Congratulations to Farmland, its cooperatives, and my producers. Keep up the good work!

TAX RELIEF HELPS AMERICA'S WOMEN

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud support of the historic budget agreement this Congress reached with the President earlier this week. For the first time in 16 years, the American people will receive a major tax cut.

What makes this plan so effective, Mr. Speaker, is that it reaches so many different groups of people across our Nation. I am especially pleased by what this tax cut means to America's women.

Our budget agreement is a direct result of Republican efforts to provide for America's families and that begins with helping America's mothers. the $500-per-child tax credit goes straight to the heart of every family. The mothers of 41 million children will be keeping more of their own money. That means much more for school clothes, groceries, and savings for college tuition.

Mr. Speaker, we did not stop there. Our plan also helps those women who are successful entrepreneurs and business owners. With women now starting businesses at twice the rate of men, a cut in the capital gains tax will help them the most. Republicans want to ensure that those women who are now contributing to our economy as employers and investors continue to do so. But tax cuts not only help those women who already own small businesses, they help open doors for those who wish they could.

We have also reduced estate or death taxes and expanded individual retirement accounts. Because women generally live longer, we need to make it easier for women to save and to inherit family businesses. Republicans are ensuring that women of all ages can remain financially secure, even after the death of a husband.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that our plan to provide tax relief especially helps America's women. The truth is, cutting taxes helps everyone and everyone will benefit from this historic budget agreement.