

By Mr. PAUL:

H.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the State to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States and authorizing Congress to prohibit desecration of federally owned flags; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCARBOROUGH:

H.J. Res. 81. Joint resolution disapproving the Federal Communications Commission Order 97-27, relating to revision of the Commission's cable television leased commercial access rules; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WELDON of Florida (for himself, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. COOK, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. FROST, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. DICKEY):

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending American airmen held as political prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II for their service, bravery, and fortitude; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

128. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, relative to House Resolution No. 20 encouraging the President and the United States Congress to examine United States foreign policy toward Ethiopia; to the Committee on International Relations.

129. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Montana, relative to House Joint Resolution 13 urging Congress to amend President Clinton's unilateral action in designating the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; urging Congress to require negotiation with the States and a stronger consideration of the social and economic consequences in the designation of national monuments and wilderness areas; and requiring the Secretary of State to transmit copies of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Resolution; to the Committee on Resources.

130. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Oregon, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 urging the Congress of the United States to continue the operation of and reverse the decision to close the Astoria Weather Station; to the Committee on Science.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 1 of rule XXII:

Mr. RAHALL introduced a bill (H.R. 1860) for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 7: Mr. HUTCHINSON.
H.R. 15: Mr. RUSH, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. CALVERT.
H.R. 84: Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 96: Mr. JONES, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mrs. FOWLER.
H.R. 108: Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 135: Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. COYNE.
H.R. 145: Mr. DIXON and Mrs. LOWEY.
H.R. 197: Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 230: Ms. FURSE.
H.R. 245: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 404: Mr. SHAYS.
H.R. 407: Mrs. MINK of Hawaii.
H.R. 446: Mr. KING of New York.
H.R. 521: Mr. HUTCHINSON.
H.R. 625: Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.
H.R. 632: Mr. GOODE, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. ENSIGN.
H.R. 693: Mr. BACHUS.
H.R. 695: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 699: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. QUINN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. REYES, and Mr. SNYDER.
H.R. 712: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
H.R. 754: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut and Mr. DELAHUNT.
H.R. 758: Mr. HULSHOF.
H.R. 793: Mr. FILNER.
H.R. 815: Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. SHAW.
H.R. 869: Mr. KLUG and Mr. STRICKLAND.
H.R. 873: Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 880: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
H.R. 910: Mr. BONIOR.
H.R. 922: Mr. COOK.
H.R. 923: Mr. COOK.
H.R. 955: Mr. BLILEY.
H.R. 957: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 971: Mr. LAFALCE.
H.R. 983: Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. POSHARD, and Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 989: Mr. MCHALE, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. PASTOR, and Ms. PRYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 991: Mr. MINGE.
H.R. 1009: Mr. CHAMBLISS.
H.R. 1018: Mr. HALL of Ohio and Mr. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 1054: Mr. PACKARD and Mr. TORRES.
H.R. 1059: Mr. COLLINS and Mr. EWING.
H.R. 1063: Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. BE-REUTER, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. SHADEGG, and Mr. HUTCHINSON.
H.R. 1072: Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. LOFGREN, and Ms. BROWN of Florida.
H.R. 1114: Mr. FILNER, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. WALSH.
H.R. 1120: Mr. CARDIN and Mr. LAFALCE.
H.R. 1126: Mr. COOK, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. HOSTETTLER.
H.R. 1134: Ms. DANNER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. SKAGGS, and Mr. KINGSTON.
H.R. 1140: Mr. COBLE.
H.R. 1166: Mr. BORSKI, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BONO, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.
H.R. 1173: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. RUSH, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. GEJDENSON, and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 1203: Mr. CALVERT.
H.R. 1231: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 1260: Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. DIXON, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. GOODLING, Mrs. EMERSON, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 1270: Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. SCOTT.

H.R. 1287: Ms. NORTON, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1288: Mr. COSTELLO.

H.R. 1289: Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. FROST, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. BAKER, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 1296: Mr. HORN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1301: Mr. FOGLIETTA.

H.R. 1315: Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 1323: Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. TORRES, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 1350: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. SKAGGS.

H.R. 1355: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 1363: Mr. FILNER and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1364: Mr. FILNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 1373: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 1401: Mr. SKAGGS.

H.R. 1437: Mr. MARTINEZ and Mr. QUINN.

H.R. 1440: Mr. FROST, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LAFALCE, and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1455: Mr. TORRES, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 1480: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 1496: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 1497: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1503: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1526: Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. ROTHMAN.

H.R. 1531: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. YATES, and Mr. WEXLER.

H.R. 1532: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BEREUTER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. TANNER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. LEACH, Mr. COBLE, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MCDADE, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. BOYD, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. DEUTSCH.

H.R. 1541: Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PORTER, Mr. KLUG, and Mr. FORD.

H.R. 1542: Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 1592: Mrs. FOWLER and Mr. TRAFICANT.

H.R. 1604: Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 1614: Mr. SNYDER.

H.R. 1620: Mr. EHRlich and Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1628: Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1631: Mr. FILNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 1658: Mr. DELAHUNT.

H.R. 1679: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 1689: Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. PICKETT, and Mr. HASTERT.

H.R. 1698: Mr. BECERRA, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 1706: Mr. RUSH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. FROST, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1716: Mr. SHAYS and Mr. FAWELL.

H.R. 1725: Mr. BORSKI.

H.R. 1732: Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 1764: Mr. PAUL.

H.R. 1773: Mrs. MEEK of Florida and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 1776: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN and Mr. SANFORD.

H.R. 1812: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. ROHRBACHER.

H.J. Res. 47: Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. REYES.

H.J. Res. 79: Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana.

H. Con. Res. 10: Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. STUPAK.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mr. EWING, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. TURNER, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. SCOTT.

H. Con. Res. 60: Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. WELLER, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. ETHRIDGE, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. FROST, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. HUTCHINSON.

H. Con. Res. 88: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H. Con. Res. 89: Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. HOUGHTON.

H. Con. Res. 91: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H. Res. 15: Mr. EVANS.

H. Res. 122: Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1559: Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington and Mrs. EMERSON.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

17. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, California, relative to a vote of support for S.615 by Senator John H. CHAFEE and H.R.761 by Representative Barney Frank at their regular session; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Agriculture.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 437

OFFERED BY: Mr. SAXTON

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT No. 1: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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 repeal 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. REPEAL OF SEA GRANT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.

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

(b) 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".

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

"(5) is recognized for excellence in marine resources development and science.

"(b) REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall by regulation prescribe the qualifications required to be met under subsection (a)(4).

"(2) MERIT REVIEW.—Within 6 months after the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1997, the Secretary, after consultation with the sea grant institutions, shall establish guidelines for the conduct of merit review by the sea grant institutions of project proposals for grants and contracts to be awarded under section 205. The guidelines shall, at a minimum, provide for peer review of all research projects and require standardized documentation of all peer review.

"(c) SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—The Secretary may, for cause and after an opportunity for hearing, suspend or terminate any designation under subsection (a)."

SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS.—Section 212(a) (33 U.S.C. 1131(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act—