

for Superfund enhancement activities, \$5 million more for research activities, and \$12 million more for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Mr. Speaker, much criticism has been lodged against the operation of the Superfund program since its inception. I think most Members would agree that reforms are needed. However, until the authorization committees are able to reach agreement on what these reforms should be, we should still be trying to do all we can to get Superfund sites cleaned up.

This administration has made good progress in getting Superfund appropriations spent on actual cleanup and not on litigation and administrative costs.

I strongly urge an "aye" vote to keep Superfund moneys flowing at as high a level as possible to clean up as many sites as quickly as we can.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I certainly am not going to object to this suggestion by my colleague. By way of commentary, however, I must say that it was at least 15 years ago as a member of this committee I traveled to the northern part of the State of New York, and during that trip I visited a place called Love Canal. At that point in time we knew that the Superfund program had many a problem. The new Administrator indicated to us that this was a program and project that was very, very important but which was broken.

I certainly do hope that between now and the time we go to conference that my colleague will join with me one more time in asking the administration for their suggestion as to how we fix this program, for she has been talking about it publicly a lot, but I have seen no recommendation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. STOKES].

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. LEWIS of California, DELAY, WALSH, HOBSON, KNOLLENBERG, FRELINGHUYSEN, NEUMANN, WICKER, LIVINGSTON, STOKES, MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. OBEY.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2169, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2169) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES OFFERED BY MR. SABO

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SABO moves that in resolving the differences between the House and Senate, the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 2169, be instructed to insist on the House position with respect to providing \$200 million for operating assistance under the transit formula grants program.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. SABO] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WOLF] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. SABO].

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will be brief. This motion simply instructs the conferees to insist on the \$200 million included in the House bill for transit operating assistance.

In my judgment, we have cut operating assistance too much already over the years. Unfortunately, the Senate has no funding for operating assistance, and this motion simply insists that the conferees stay with the decision adopted by the House.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I share the gentleman's concern with regard to the operating assistance, and wish it could be higher, but I think that \$200 million is certainly the bottom we should go. I think it is a good motion, and we certainly accept it. I commend the gentleman for offering it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. SABO].

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. WOLF, DELAY, REGULA, ROGERS, PACKARD, CALLAHAN, TIAHRT, ADERHOLT, LIVINGSTON, SABO, FOGLIETTA, TORRES, OLVER, PASTOR, and OBEY.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2203, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

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

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES OFFERED BY MR. FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. FAZIO of California moves that in resolving the differences between House and Senate, the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 2203, be instructed to recede to the Senate on funding levels provided for nonproliferation and arms control programs under the Department of Energy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MCDADE] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO].

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, my reason for offering this motion to instruct conferees is simply that I believe the House would be advised to support the Senate figures on nuclear nonproliferation so we do no damage to our efforts to verify nuclear testing. The research and development account, which is very important to the Department, shows that we have taken a \$20 million reduction in excess of what the Senate provided in this area. It seems to me these are very important funds to meet established milestones for the demonstration and delivery of state-of-the-art nuclear detection technologies.

In addition, the legislation that the House passed could well be determined to be inadequate in terms of funding the Department's threat assessment program, which is a core program which provides for our Government's full capability to assess nuclear-related domestic threats.

It also provides a central traffic point for DOE's nuclear agency and critical message traffic from overseas embassies. It would be, I think, something that all Members of this House could join together on. We are not anxious to restrict our capabilities to monitor potential proliferation of nuclear activities in countries, particularly in third-world countries, where we think the threat is most likely to occur.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. MCDADE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2203.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, my distinguished friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] and I have discussed this issue. We are, as we so often are, in accord. I support the motion and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO].

The motion was agreed to.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees: Messrs. MCDADE, ROGERS, KNOLLENBERG, FRELINGHUYSEN, PARKER, CALLAHAN, DICKEY, LIVINGSTON, FAZIO of California, VISCLOSKEY, EDWARDS, PASTOR, and OBEY.

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous materials.

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

There was no objection.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 27, 1997, and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2159.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Mr. THORNBERRY in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, July 30, 1997, the bill had been read through page 93, line 15.

Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31, 1997, no other amendment shall be in order, except pro forma amendments offered for the purpose of debate, unless printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD before Friday, August 1, 1997.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, just to bring the Members up to date, we are resuming our debate on the Foreign Operations bill, H.R. 2159. Just to refresh Members' memories, this bill was well under the allocation that was given to the subcommittee. In fact, it is some \$87,000 under last year's appropriation and nearly \$4.5 billion less than the Senate bill and the President's request.

So once again, as we continue this debate, we would like for our colleagues to keep in mind that final passage on this measure will actually mean another reduction in foreign aid, and I think it is very important that Members of the House understand this.

Once again, the American people are requesting that we be frugal in our efforts to assist the President and the executive branch in their efforts to have an effective foreign policy. But under the circumstances, the committee felt, and I feel, that the reduction is in order. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I will continue the effort.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CALLAHAN. I yield to the gentleman from California, the ranking Democrat on the subcommittee.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, once again, I, too, want to remind our colleagues of the great leadership of the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CALLAHAN] in bringing this bipartisan legislation to the floor. This is a difficult bill and there are many contentious areas that are covered in it.

We began the debate, as Members may recall, before the August district

work period. At that time, I said that the gentleman from Alabama had resolved many of the contentious issues. One area of agreement that I have with the gentleman on the bill, of course, is the funding level. I hope to work on that in conference. But, again, in terms of the issue-by-issue consideration of the bill, I think a great deal was accomplished because of the gentleman's openness, accessibility, and spirit of bipartisanship.

So, Mr. Chairman, I want to commend the gentleman once again for his leadership and once again separate from the remarks about, yes, we must be frugal and prudent in all of our spending, subject all of it to the harshest scrutiny, but I support the larger number of the administration, a minor disagreement with the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI] for her kind remarks, and it has been a pleasure working with the gentlewoman in her first year as ranking Democrat on our subcommittee. The gentlewoman has been a pleasure to work with, as has been her entire staff.

Mr. Chairman, it has been a joint effort, both Republicans and Democrats joining together, to bring to the floor what I consider a responsible bill. I know the gentlewoman is concerned that it is not sufficient, but nevertheless, under the circumstances, I certainly feel that it is.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read. The Clerk read as follows:

ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

SEC. 571. (a) Not more than \$40,000,000 of the funds appropriated in this Act under the heading "Economic Support Fund" may be made available for Turkey.

(b) Of the funds made available under the heading "Economic Support Fund" for Turkey, not less than fifty percent of these funds shall be made available for the purpose of supporting private nongovernmental organizations engaged in strengthening democratic institutions in Turkey, providing economic assistance for individuals and communities affected by civil unrest, and supporting and promoting peaceful solutions and economic development which will contribute to the settlement of regional problems in Turkey.

AMENDMENT NO. 76 OFFERED BY MR. CAMPBELL

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment No. 76 offered by Mr. CAMPBELL:

At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. 572. The amounts otherwise provided by this Act are revised by reducing the amount made available for "ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND", and increasing the amount made available for "CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND" (as authorized by Section 526(c) Public Law 103-306; 108 Stat. 1632), by \$25,000,000.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would allocate 25 million additional dollars to the African Development Fund. The amendment is revenue neutral, budget neutral, and is