

However, I think it was stated that the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Federal Administration Act of 1974 include provisions that are inconsistent with these two other acts. So because DOE is having to comply with different standards within various rulemaking statutes, H.R. 649 attempts to streamline these regulations by eliminating those provisions of the DOE Act and Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 which conflict with or which overlap the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act and Federal Advisory Committee Act.

So of course, streamlining these regulations is estimated to result in a savings of about a half a million dollars a year for the Federal Government, and I think that the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER, the chairman of the subcommittee, and all of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle can agree that cutting wasteful spending should always be a top priority in Congress, however small or however great, and I certainly urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOODLATTE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 649.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. 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. 649, the bill just passed and to insert extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN WASHINGTON STATE

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 651) to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 651

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 8864, the Commission shall, upon the request of the project licensee, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of the project for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—An extension under subsection (a) shall take effect for a project upon the expiration of the extension, issued by the Commission under section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806), of the period required for commencement of construction of the project.

(c) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If the license for the project referred to in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall reinstate the license effective as of the date of its expiration and extend the time required for commencement of construction of the project as provided in subsection (a) for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods, the first of which shall commence on the date of such expiration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER, and the gentleman from Texas, Mr. HALL, each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. DAN SCHAEFER).

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, under section 13 of the Federal Power Act, hydro project construction must begin within 4 years of the issuance of a license. If construction has not begun by that time, the FERC cannot extend the deadline and must terminate that license.

H.R. 651 and another bill we are going to be considering very shortly, H.R. 652, provide for up to three additional 2-year extensions of the construction deadline if the sponsor pursues the commencement of construction in good faith and with due diligence.

Mr. Speaker, these types of bills have not been controversial in the past. The bills do not change the license requirement in any way and do not change environmental standards, but merely extend the statutory deadline for commencement of construction. There is a need to act now, since the construction deadlines for these projects will soon expire. If Congress does not act, FERC will terminate the license, the project sponsors will lose many of the dollars they have invested in the projects, and communities will lose the prospect of significant job creation and added revenues.

H.R. 651 will authorize FERC to extend the deadline for the construction on the Calligan Creek project, a 5-megawatt project in King County, Washington, for up to 6 additional years. There is a reason to act quickly, since the construction deadline expires on May 13, 1997. FERC has no objection to H.R. 651.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 651.

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

(Mr. HALL of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 651, introduced by my good friend, the gentleman from Washington, Mr. RICK WHITE. This bill simply extends a construction deadline applicable to hydroelectric projects in the State of Washington, licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The chairman has adequately explained the ramifications of the bill. I think FERC does oppose affording licensees more than a 10-year extension from the issuance date of the license, but in this case H.R. 651 extends the deadline up to 6 years, which in total would extend the project from the beginning to exactly 10 years, in accordance with the law.

In accordance with the 10-year rule, FERC has no objection to the bill.

It is not without warranted reason that these hydroelectric projects are in need of license extensions. In the case of the project in Washington State, the lack of power purchase agreements is the main reason construction has not commenced. Without these power purchase agreements, the project is not economically viable because it cannot be financed; all the while the deadline clock is running. And these circumstances make it critical for a construction license to be granted in accordance with the 10-year rule and FERC's agreement.

This is an easy bill with no objection from FERC, and I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in voting.

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

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Washington, RICK WHITE, who is the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. WHITE. I will be very brief, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the chairman and ranking member for helping us bring these bills to the floor. I simply want to reiterate what they said.

Mr. Speaker, this is one of these bills that it is a great pleasure to work on, because I think we are all in agreement that this is the sort of thing we should do. These bills, both of them, H.R. 651 and 652, simply extend the deadline for construction of these dams within the 10-year period that FERC prefers. I want to thank both the chairman and the ranking member once again for allowing these bills to come forward.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER, that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 651.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. 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. 651 and to insert extraneous material on the bill.

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

There was no objection.

EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT IN WASHINGTON STATE

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 652) to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 652

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 9025, the Commission shall, upon the request of the project licensee, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of the project for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—An extension under subsection (a) shall take effect for a project upon the expiration of the extension, issued by the Commission under section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806), of the period required for commencement of construction of the project.

(c) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If the license for the project referred to in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall reinstate the license effective as of the date of its expiration and extend the time required for commencement of construction of the project as provided in subsection (a) for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods, the first of which shall commence on the date of such expiration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. DAN SCHAEFER], and the gentleman from Texas, [Mr. HALL] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado, [Mr. DAN SCHAEFER].

(Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 652, similar to H.R. 651, would authorize FERC to extend the deadline for the construction of the Hancock Creek Project, a 6-megawatt project in King County, WA, for up to three additional 2-year periods.

According to the project's sponsor, construction has not commenced for the lack of a power purchase agreement. There is a reason for the subcommittee to act as the construction deadline expires on June 21 of 1997. FERC has no objection to this bill, H.R. 652, and I would urge support for the bill.

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

(Mr. HALL of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today again I rise in support of H.R. 652, also introduced by a fine young man, the gentleman from Washington, Mr. RICK WHITE. This bill simply allows the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the construction deadline for the Hancock Creek project in King County, WA.

As the chairman stated, this is exactly like H.R. 651, a similar bill we just finished speaking in support of. H.R. 652 authorizes FERC to extend the commencement of the construction for the 6.3-megawatt project in Washington State for up to 6 years. With this extension, the hydroelectric project would have a full 10 years.

I strongly urge Members to vote in support of H.R. 652 and allow this project sufficient time to commence its construction.

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume the gentleman from Washington [Mr. WHITE].

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, once again I thank the chairman and ranking member for bringing this bill forward. It is exactly like H.R. 651. They both should pass for the same reasons.

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER, that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 652.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legisla-

tive days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill, H.R. 652, and to insert extraneous material.

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

There was no objection.

DESIGNATING THE RESERVOIR CREATED BY TRINITY DAM IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT, CALIFORNIA, AS "TRINITY LAKE"

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 63) to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 63

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF TRINITY LAKE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, and designated as "Clair Engle Lake" by Public Law 88-662 (78 Stat. 1093) is hereby redesignated as "Trinity Lake".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of the United States to the reservoir referred to in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference to "Trinity Lake".

(c) REPEAL OF EARLIER DESIGNATION.—Public Law 88-662 (78 Stat. 1093) is repealed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] and the gentleman from Hawaii [Mr. ABERCROMBIE] each will control 20 minutes.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this basically is a simple name change to relieve a lot of confusion surrounding the name of this particular reservoir. Everything else in the area is referred to as Trinity Dam or Trinity Power Plant. Making this Trinity Lake would relieve the confusion and would, frankly, enhance the efforts of the communities to appeal more to tourism, which is what they are hoping to do.

Mr. Speaker, I know of no opposition to this. Similar legislation passed the House in the last Congress, but the Senate took no action. This did not have any problem coming out of our committee, and I urge our colleagues to support the bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I note for the RECORD that Clair Engle was a distinguished member of the House of Representatives from California, and also a U.S. Senator, and that we recognize the practical reasons for this name change.

We also note that this action in no way diminishes the respect we have for