

what I think would be a horrible decision in this House and defeat the measure, we would basically be saying that the United States of America is no longer going to play the role as the world's strongest leader in the area of international trade. So it would be a grave mistake.

This goal we have is a vision which has existed for a long period of time. I will say to my friend, the Speaker here, the Speaker pro tempore, he recalled with me just a little while ago that it was on November 7, 1979 when Ronald Reagan announced his candidacy for President of the United States, and in that he talked about an accord that would see free trade going from the slopes of Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, ultimately seeing free trade among all the Americas.

I had the opportunity a couple of weeks ago to be in Argentina and Venezuela and Brazil on the trip that the President took. On that trip it was very clear that these countries are looking to the United States for the leadership role in the area of international trade. I am confident that the U.S. Congress will, with a great, great vision, look next Friday when we cast that vote towards doing it.

One of the other things beyond this hemisphere happens to be dealing with some very specific areas that need to be addressed in a multilateral way with many other countries. Those areas include agriculture. We have had a very tough time in agriculture getting into a lot of new markets. Why? Because there are many countries that have had these tariff barriers and nontariff barriers which exist which have prevented the chance for exports to go into those countries.

If we look at the issue of financial services, we all see that there are banks all over the United States with international names. Basically the world's financial services industry has access into the United States. Yet we, unfortunately, have been unable to negotiate agreements that will allow our financial services industry to expand in providing those products and services to consumers in other parts of the world. That is why we need to get this fast track authority through.

One of the other very important items, again to my State and to all the other States, is this very amorphous issue called intellectual property rights. Intellectual property, what does that mean? Well, these are items that are developed through the intellect of people in that home country.

We need to make sure that those rights are protected. In the area of pharmaceuticals, we have many very, very necessary drugs and other items that are created in the pharmaceutical industry. We need to make sure that the responsibility for those lies with those countries where they are developed, and that they get full credit and remuneration for them. That is why international property agreements need to be struck.

I represent the Los Angeles area. The entertainment industry is very, very important to our State. In fact, if we look at the entertainment industry, well over 90 percent of the world's programming for the motion picture industry and the television programming comes from right here in the United States, and we are all aware of the fact that piracy has been a serious problem.

We need to deal with negotiations on that kind of intellectual property violation that has existed. Guess what? We will not be able to deal with the negotiations for financial services, getting our financial institutions into new markets, we will not be able to deal with negotiations for agriculture, to gain new markets for agricultural products, and we will not be able to as successfully deal with intellectual property violations if we do not have fast track negotiating authority passed.

So while there are many people out there who would like to blame all the ailments of society on international trade, nothing could be further from the truth.

Mr. Speaker, I hope very much that the Speaker pro tempore and all of our colleagues will next week, when we face what I acknowledge will be a very tough vote here in this institution, that Members will join in supporting what is clearly the right thing to do as we remain the greatest Nation on the face of the earth.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

July 18, 1997:

H.R. 173. An act to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of Federal law enforcement canines that are no longer needed for official purposes to individuals with experience handling canines in the performance of law enforcement duties.

H.R. 649. An act to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974.

July 25, 1997:

H.R. 1901. An act to clarify that the protections of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

H.R. 2018. An act to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York.

August 1, 1997:

H.J. Res. 90. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to two specified bills of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

August 5, 1997:

H.R. 709. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1226. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the unauthorized inspection of tax returns or tax return information.

H.R. 2014. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

H.R. 2015. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

August 11, 1997:

H.R. 584. An act for the relief of John Wesley Davis.

H.R. 1198. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon.

H.R. 1944. An act to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon.

August 13, 1997:

H.R. 1585. An act to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps, and for other purposes.

August 15, 1997:

H.R. 408. An act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes.

September 17, 1997:

H.R. 1866. An act to continue favorable treatment for need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

September 30, 1997:

H.J. Res. 94. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

H.R. 63. An act to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake".

H.R. 2016. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

October 6, 1997:

H.R. 111. An act to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school.

H.R. 680. An act to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer of surplus personal property to States for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals, and to authorize the transfer of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions and instrumentalities of States, and nonprofit organizations for providing housing or housing assistance for low-income individuals or families.

H.R. 2248. An act to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contribution toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2443. An act to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe.

October 7, 1997:

H.R. 2209. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

October 8, 1997:

H.R. 2266. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

October 9, 1997:

H.R. 1420. An act to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

October 10, 1997:

H.R. 394. An act to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan.

H.R. 1948. An act to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2378. An act making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

October 13, 1997:

H.R. 2203. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

October 23, 1997:

H.J. Res. 97. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

October 27, 1997:

H.R. 2158. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2169. An act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

October 30, 1997:

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces for Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope.

SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the house that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

July 24, 1997:

S.J. Res. 29. Joint resolution to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

July 29, 1997:

S. 768. An act for the relief of Michel Christopher Meili, Giuseppina Meili, Mirjam Naomi Meili, and Davide Meili.

August 7, 1997:

S. 430. An act to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

August 8, 1997:

S. 670. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States.

October 1, 1997:

S. 910. An act to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

S. 1211. An act to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs.

October 6, 1997:

S. 996. An act to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts, and for other purposes.

S. 1198. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of non-immigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes.

October 9, 1997:

S. 871. An act to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, and for other purposes.

October 22, 1997:

S. 1000. An act to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DEUTSCH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. WELDON of Florida (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of attending his father's funeral.

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. SNYDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. WHITE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHENOWETH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, on November 5.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, 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. SNYDER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KILDEE.

Ms. ESHOO.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

Ms. FURSE.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

Mr. DELLUMS.

Mr. ETHERIDGE.

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

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. TALENT.

Mr. DICKEY.

Mr. KING.

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

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. MCGOVERN.

Mrs. CHENOWETH.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mrs. CHRISTIAN-GREEN.

Mr. MINGE.

Mr. RIGGS.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York.

Mr. KIND.

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. TALENT.

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. ACKERMAN.

Mr. RANGEL.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Mr. SKELTON.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

Ms. CARSON.

Mr. HOUGHTON.

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington.

Mr. CUMMINGS.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

Mr. DICKEY.

Ms. WOOLSEY.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1024. An act to make chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1149. An act to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for increased education funding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, November 4, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour debates.