

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in strong support of the Export Enhancement Act of 1999. This measure before us today provides a 4-year authorization of OPIC, an authorization of the Trade and Development Agency and several provisions enhancing the effectiveness of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Speaker, this measure is a stripped-down version of H.R. 1993, which passed the House on October 13 by an overwhelming margin of 357 to 71. This bill enjoys full bipartisan support. It is identical to the text of a measure the Senate is ready to consider in the very near future.

Passing this measure today will ensure that the Overseas Private Investment Corporation will get the authorities it needs to play a key role in boosting our Nation's competitiveness and export potential.

I urge its prompt adoption.

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

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

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this measure to reauthorize the OPIC and the U.S. Trade Development Agency.

Basically, there is a version that has already passed the House 357-71, but to expedite it in the Senate, we are pursuing it in this fashion.

Export promotion programs, like OPIC and TDA, provide crucial support for American businesses in the global marketplace. U.S. exports of goods and services are estimated to support more than 12 million domestic jobs. Each \$1 billion in U.S. goods and services supports approximately 13,000 jobs. This is a reality in my home State of New Jersey, as well as throughout the country.

OPIC has had a positive net income for every year of operation, which reserves now total more than \$3 billion. Last year it earned a profit of \$139 million and contributes over \$204 million in net negative budget authority.

So at a time when Congress is striving to adhere to the constraints of a balanced budget, OPIC stands a part of a revenue earning program. It also complements our efforts across the globe to open up markets.

I want to thank the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO), my colleague, for his efforts to work with our office to achieve an agreement that ensures OPIC will continue to provide services to American investors overseas.

I also want to thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman GILMAN), the distinguished chairman of the committee, for his commitment to work with myself and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) on an International Trade Administration reauthorization bill at the beginning of the next session of the 106th Congress.

I hope that we can build on the bill that we develop in this session and pass an ITA reauthorization bill as early as possible next year.

I urge Members to support passage of the legislation.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Export Enhancement Act. For the benefit of my colleagues, let me provide some background to where we are today.

H.R. 3381 is a bipartisan and bicameral work-product. Both Members and staff from both sides of the aisle and both sides of Capitol Hill worked on this together in order to get this bill to the President as quickly as possible. The temporary reauthorization extension for the Overseas Private Investment Corporation expires today. It's time to finally get this legislation to the President.

The House version of H.R. 1993 is subject to a hold in the other body for reasons that have nothing to do with the substance of the legislation. Passage of H.R. 3381 now by the House is one way to seek quick action on a four year authorization for OPIC in case the House adjourns for the year prior to the Senate.

There are some changes. The most important are provisions dealing with the International Trade Administration were removed because of jurisdictional concerns with the Senate Banking Committee.

But it is important to remember what the new bill retains—four year OPIC reauthorization; success fee language on the Trade and Development Agency; and streamlining the efforts of the 19 federal agencies involved in export promotion. All of these provisions will help America increase U.S. exports and eliminate government waste. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3381.

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

Mr. GILMAN. 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 New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3381.

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.

PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTES AND SCHOOLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the Senate bill, S. 440.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. HILLEARY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 440, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 128, nays 291, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 597]

YEAS—128

Abercrombie	Frelinghuysen	Millender-
Allen	Gejdenson	McDonald
Baird	Gephardt	Moakley
Bateman	Gillmor	Moran (VA)
Berman	Gilman	Murtha
Biggett	Gordon	Neal
Blagojevich	Goss	Ney
Bliley	Hall (OH)	Oberstar
Blumenauer	Hall (TX)	Olver
Boehner	Hastings (FL)	Ortiz
Bonior	Hilleary	Oxley
Bono	Hobson	Packard
Borski	Hoekstra	Phelps
Boucher	Holt	Pickering
Brady (PA)	Hoolley	Pryce (OH)
Brady (TX)	Horn	Quinn
Brown (OH)	Houghton	Radanovich
Bryant	Hoyer	Rahall
Camp	Hyde	Rangel
Capuano	Jackson (IL)	Regula
Castle	Jenkins	Rush
Clay	Johnson (CT)	Sabo
Clement	Kaptur	Sanders
Clyburn	Kasich	Sawyer
Costello	King (NY)	Schakowsky
Coyne	Kucinich	Scott
Davis (IL)	Lantos	Shimkus
DeFazio	Larson	Skelton
DeGette	LaTourette	Strickland
Delahunt	Lazio	Stupak
DeLauro	Leach	Tanner
DeLay	Lewis (CA)	Tauscher
Dickey	Maloney (CT)	Taylor (NC)
Dicks	Markey	Tiahrt
Dixon	Martinez	Trafficant
Dooley	Matsui	Walden
Duncan	McCarthy (NY)	Walsh
Dunn	McDermott	Wamp
English	McGovern	Waxman
Eshoo	McHugh	Weller
Evans	McNulty	Wicker
Filner	Meehan	Wu
Ford	Metcalf	Wynn

NAYS—291

Aderholt	Cook	Gutknecht
Andrews	Cooksey	Hansen
Archer	Cox	Hastings (WA)
Armey	Cramer	Hayes
Bachus	Crane	Hayworth
Baker	Crowley	Hefley
Baldacci	Cubin	Herger
Baldwin	Cummings	Hill (IN)
Ballenger	Cunningham	Hill (MT)
Barcia	Danner	Hilliard
Barr	Deal	Hinchee
Barrett (NE)	DeMint	Hinojosa
Barrett (WI)	Deutsch	Hoeffel
Bartlett	Diaz-Balart	Holden
Barton	Dingell	Hostettler
Bass	Doggett	Hulshof
Becerra	Doolittle	Hunter
Bentsen	Doyle	Hutchinson
Bereuter	Dreier	Inlee
Berkley	Edwards	Isakson
Berry	Ehlers	Istook
Bilbray	Ehrlich	Jackson-Lee
Bilirakis	Emerson	(TX)
Bishop	Engel	Jefferson
Blunt	Etheridge	John
Boehlert	Everett	Johnson, E. B.
Bonilla	Ewing	Johnson, Sam
Boswell	Fattah	Jones (NC)
Boyd	Fletcher	Jones (OH)
Brown (FL)	Foley	Kanjorski
Burr	Forbes	Kelly
Burton	Fossella	Kennedy
Buyer	Fowler	Kildee
Callahan	Frank (MA)	Killpatrick
Calvert	Franks (NJ)	Kind (WI)
Campbell	Frost	Kingston
Canady	Gallegly	Klecza
Cannon	Ganske	Klink
Capps	Gekas	Knollenberg
Cardin	Gibbons	Kolbe
Carson	Gilchrest	Kuykendall
Chabot	Gonzalez	LaFalce
Chambliss	Goode	LaHood
Chenoweth-Hage	Goodlatte	Latham
Clayton	Goodling	Lee
Coble	Graham	Levin
Coburn	Granger	Lewis (GA)
Collins	Green (TX)	Lewis (KY)
Combest	Green (WI)	Linder
Condit	Greenwood	Lipinski
Conyers	Gutierrez	LoBiondo

Lofgren	Pitts	Souder
Lowey	Pombo	Spratt
Lucas (KY)	Pomeroy	Stabenow
Lucas (OK)	Portman	Stark
Luther	Price (NC)	Stearns
Maloney (NY)	Ramstad	Stenholm
Manzullo	Reyes	Stump
Mascara	Reynolds	Sununu
McCarthy (MO)	Riley	Sweeney
McCollum	Rivers	Talent
McCrery	Rodriguez	Tancredo
McInnis	Roemer	Tauzin
McIntyre	Rogan	Taylor (MS)
McKeon	Rogers	Terry
McKinney	Rohrabacher	Thomas
Meek (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson (CA)
Meeks (NY)	Rothman	Thompson (MS)
Menendez	Roukema	Thornberry
Mica	Roybal-Allard	Thune
Miller (FL)	Royce	Thurman
Miller, Gary	Ryan (WI)	Tierney
Miller, George	Ryun (KS)	Toomey
Minge	Salmon	Towns
Mink	Sanchez	Turner
Mollohan	Sandlin	Udall (CO)
Moore	Sanford	Udall (NM)
Moran (KS)	Saxton	Upton
Myrick	Schaffer	Velazquez
Nadler	Sensenbrenner	Vento
Napolitano	Serrano	Visclosky
Nethercutt	Sessions	Vitter
Northup	Shadegg	Waters
Norwood	Shaw	Watkins
Nussle	Shays	Watt (NC)
Ose	Sherman	Watts (OK)
Owens	Sherwood	Weiner
Pallone	Shows	Weldon (FL)
Pascarell	Shuster	Weldon (PA)
Pastor	Simpson	Weygand
Paul	Sisisky	Whitfield
Payne	Skeen	Wilson
Pease	Slaughter	Wolf
Pelosi	Smith (MI)	Woolsey
Peterson (MN)	Smith (NJ)	Young (AK)
Peterson (PA)	Smith (TX)	Young (FL)
Petri	Smith (WA)	
Pickett	Snyder	

NOT VOTING—14

Ackerman	Largent	Scarborough
Davis (FL)	McIntosh	Spence
Davis (VA)	Morella	Wexler
Farr	Obey	Wise
Lampson	Porter	

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Messrs. BASS, CRANE, SHOWS, INS-LEE, CRAMER, SMITH of Texas, MCINTYRE, TERRY, DOOLITTLE, POMEROY, BALDACCI, and PETRI, and Mrs. NORTHUP, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. KELLY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. DANNER, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Ms. MCKINNEY changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. MCDERMOTT, HOYER, WICKER, and TIAHRT changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds not having voted in favor thereof), the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire from the majority leader the schedule for the day and perhaps the remainder of the week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me advise Members that they may have received an errant, incorrect message over the House beeper system. This

vote is not necessarily the last vote of the day.

The House and Senate leadership are working together to try to find ways to work around a couple of particular parliamentary problems that the Senate has. At this time of the year, as Members know, in order to do the final work of the year, the two bodies must coordinate and must be able to move together. They have some difficulties over on the other side of the building that we are trying to work around.

So that I would say to the Members, if, in fact, we are able to work through some agreements, we might be able to have one additional vote of big consequence to all of our membership later in the day, and we should also be prepared to vote again tomorrow. All of this is contingent upon how well we can negotiate agreements between leadership on both sides of the aisle in both bodies, and then get sort of key, what should I say, agreements by individual Members here and there regarding possible UCs that might be necessary to implement what it is we can agree to.

So we have 435 House Members, 100 Members of the other body that must be copasetic with whatever we can work out. We are working hard on this. We would not want any Member to feel like they lost their opportunity to be here at that magic moment when we could come to the floor with all of these people in agreement with one another.

So I would ask Members to stay close to their best information source, their beepers or whatever, and prepare yourself for the possibility of additional votes today and additional votes tomorrow.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his information, although it is a little cryptic.

Mr. ARMEY. It is.

Mr. BONIOR. To say the least.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I would give my colleagues the details if I understood them.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, let me try to guess then, okay?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I could name names too, but it would be of no avail. I think the body pretty well knows the circumstances.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Leader, are we talking about today doing the extender bill, the tax extender bill?

Mr. ARMEY. I am sorry?

Mr. BONIOR. Is the gentleman alluding to the tax extender bill in his comments?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, it is possible that the tax extender bill and attendant items could be brought to the floor later today.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, when the gentleman says attendant items, is he talking about perhaps not having it clean and having it come back with some other issues?

Mr. ARMEY. If the gentleman from Michigan will yield, he will have to pull every inch of this out of me.

Mr. BONIOR. That is what I am trying to do, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. ARMEY. I know that.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, let me ask, is it possible that we could see the dairy piece on the extender bill?

Mr. ARMEY. We do not know.

Mr. BONIOR. Well, obviously, Mr. Speaker, it would be helpful if we had some anticipation of what we are going to be seeing so Members can be prepared; and to the extent you can provide that to us, it would be generally I think helpful to Members on both sides of the aisle. I assume that what we are talking about is a tax extender bill, and the question of whether it is going to be clean or not, and we would like to know that, because obviously those who come from dairy States have a great interest in this, and dairy districts; and those who care about the extender bill have an interest in it.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again, if the gentleman will yield, I do appreciate your concern, but I think the gentleman from Michigan would understand that what we have is problems, problems where we try to devise a plan with respect to which we can get agreements and work out an opportunity to move the legislation. We are all interested, whether it be the work incentives bill or the tax extenders, any number of things.

In the process of working out these possible agreements, it has been proven in the past to be generally prudent to not make any public revelations about what our expectations, hopes and dreams might be while these Members, who have such heart-felt feelings, have a chance to look at the proposals, consider them, and decide whether or not they can come to agreement.

I can only tell the Members at large, we are making every effort to get by some of the difficult, what should I say, delays that are pending out there and get back to this floor with the legislation the Members are all interested in as quickly as possible; and we will do everything we can to give Members timely notification so that they will have a clear understanding of what it is they are being asked to come back for.

In the meantime, if I may, Mr. Speaker, we will have the floor available to take up special orders; and pursuant to that, we may even, in fact, recess subject to the call of the Chair. I again would encourage all of the Members to understand that they will be noticed later.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, can the gentleman from Texas give us a sense of timing? Are we looking at late afternoon, early evening, midnight? Where are we in terms of people planning for the rest of the day?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield further, I do understand that, and I understand the frustration. The ability of working out agreements, as the gentleman knows, sometimes can be done fairly quickly, sometimes it takes more time. As soon