

extension is the most prudent course of action in order to ensure that reauthorization of the Act is signed into law within the next few days.

As I have argued repeatedly during the past two weeks, the Act contains Presidential powers that may well be needed to be called upon in the aftermath of the terrorist attack. In fact, we already have indications that the DPA will be invoked in the coming weeks. One news report from this morning states, "[The DPA] is one of an array of statutes likely to be used frequently in the coming weeks as DOD seeks to expedite procurements—especially in the information technology and telecommunications sectors."

With today's action in this body, I am confident that we will have an extension of the DPA signed into law prior to its expiration on September 30, and I want to thank my colleagues again for demonstrating the wisdom and flexibility that has been necessary to make that happen.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I once again ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2510, the legislation just passed, and to insert extraneous material on the bill.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICE COORDINATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2199) to amend the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia to assist the Department in carrying out crime prevention and law enforcement activities in the District of Columbia if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2199

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act of 2001".

SEC. 2. PERMITTING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Section 11712(d) of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (D.C. Code, sec. 4-192(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(33) Any other law enforcement agency of the Federal government that the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia deem appropriate to enter into an agreement pursuant to this section."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MORELLA. 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. 2199.

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

There was no objection.

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

Our colleague the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) introduced this bill, H.R. 2199, on June 14 of this year. It was referred to the House Committee on Government Reform and was then referred to the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia on June 19. The subcommittee considered and marked up the legislation on June 26, forwarded it to the full committee by unanimous consent, and the committee considered and marked up H.R. 2199 on July 25 and ordered it to be reported.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2199 amends the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 to permit any Federal law enforcement agency to enter into an agreement with the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department in order to assist the Metropolitan Police Department with local law enforcement in the District.

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The original 1997 legislation provided great assistance to the District of Columbia by enabling Federal law enforcement agencies to enforce local laws on or near their jurisdictional boundaries.

The 1997 legislation specified certain law enforcement agencies, inadvertently leaving out some agencies. H.R. 2199 cures this restriction by allowing

other law enforcement agencies to enter into cooperative agreements with the Metropolitan Police Department if the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia deem it appropriate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, for her leadership in expanding the provisions of the existing law to improve public safety and reduce crime in the Nation's capital.

I would also like to thank the chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), for his interest in District of Columbia issues and for his guidance in bringing this bill to the floor, and of course to the ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN).

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support H.R. 2199, the District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act of 2001.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bill to amend P.L. 105-33, legislation that has done much to cure our coordinated efforts of Federal and local law enforcement officials in the Nation's capital. I want to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia (Mrs. MORELLA) for her leadership and her work in bringing this bill to the floor today and moving so quickly to facilitate this important bill.

H.R. 2199, the District of Columbia Police Coordination Act of 2001, amends the Police Coordination Act I introduced in 1997, signed that year, by allowing those agencies not named in the original legislation to assist the Metropolitan Police Department with local law enforcement in the district. Inadvertently, P.L. 105-33 failed to make the language sufficiently open-ended to include agencies not mentioned in the original bill.

Prior to the Police Coordination Act, Federal agencies often were confined to agency premises and were not able to enforce local laws on or near their premises. Instead, for example, Federal officers sometimes called 911, taking hard-pressed D.C. police officers from urgent work in neighborhoods experiencing serious crime. Federal officers were trained and willing to do the job, but lacked the authority to do so before the passage of the Police Coordination Act. When our country has been attacked, this flexibility provided to Federal police officers to pursue suspects beyond their desks is both timely and necessary.

Five agencies have already signed agreements with the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia enabling them

to assist the Metropolitan Police Department, including the Federal Protective Service, the largest Federal force to participate. Now over 400 officers are assisting D.C. police.

Federal agencies understand that the extension of their jurisdiction will enhance safety and security within and around their agencies, while offering needed assistance as well to District residents. The Capitol Police and Amtrak police, who have the longest experience with expanded jurisdiction, report that the morale of their officers was affected positively because of the satisfaction that comes from being integrated into efforts to reduce and prevent crime in and around their agencies and in the Nation's capital.

This non-controversial technical amendment to the Police Coordination Act is another step toward achieving my goal of assuring the most efficient use of all the available police resources to protect Federal agency staff, visitors, commuters, and D.C. residents. I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 2199.

Once again, I thank the chairman for her work on this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my thanks to the sponsor of the legislation, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) for her leadership on these issues. I urge unanimity supporting this important bill to coordinate the police action in the District of Columbia to provide for further public safety and reduction of crime.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BE-REUTER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2199.

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 FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2586, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 246 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 246

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Depart-

ment of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes. No further amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Yesterday, the Committee on Rules met and granted a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2586, the fiscal year 2002 Department of Defense Authorization Act. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Committee on Rules report accompanying the resolution, which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, this rule allows us to finish up our work on the defense bill. All of us on both sides of the aisle recognize that we must provide for our military in this time of crisis. The gentleman from Arizona (Chairman STUMP) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) deserve great credit for coming together this week to grease the skids on this bill.

The rule simply ratifies their agreement by providing for five amendments. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), who is managing the rule for the minority, worked hard on one of these amendments. In the wake of the

terrorist attacks 2 weeks ago, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Frost) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP) worked to ensure that the Pentagon commends its civilian employees who are killed and injured by terrorist attacks by awarding them a medal for the defense of freedom. This is a new medal to recognize civilian Department of Defense employees who are injured in the line of duty.

The rule makes in order another amendment that I strongly oppose, an amendment to allow abortions on our military bases overseas. There is no place for abortion at our sensitive foreign bases.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, in addition to a noncontroversial manager's amendment, the rule provides for two amendments that would beef up our military's ability to fight terrorism. All of America realizes how important this is. We can leave nothing to chance. The primary purpose of our Federal Government is to defend our citizens, and the military is our primary source of that defense.

The need for these amendments is all too clear. We must act quickly to give our men and women the tools that they need to patrol our borders and prevent terrorist attacks to protect us.

So let us pass this rule and pass the underlying defense authorization bill. At the end of the day, we will have provided \$343 billion to our Armed Forces, the largest increase in support for our military since the 1980s. At this crucial time in our history, this bill is most important.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me start by saying that I am glad that today the House of Representatives will complete this bill, H.R. 2586, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002. It is a good example of the bipartisan support America's Armed Forces enjoy. It passed the Committee on Armed Services on a bipartisan vote of 58 to 1. That is because Democrats and Republicans are strongly committed to a first-rate military that will protect this Nation and its people and that will maintain our position as the chief protector of democracy and the rule of law throughout the world.

Since the horror of September 11, Mr. Speaker, America's commitment to the finest military in the world has only become stronger. That is clear from the hard work that went into reaching bipartisan consensus in this rule.

In the interest of national unity, several of the military's strongest defenders on the Democratic side agreed to forego important priorities. For example, I am disappointed that the manager's amendment strips out the provision of the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE) to make contracting procedures more equitable for Department of Defense civilian employees, a provision that was passed by the Committee on Armed Services. Last night,