

support the sale of computer software by American exporters to Benxi Iron and Steel Company in China. The Benxi Company was subject to a final determination of steel dumping by the International Trade Commission subsequent to that transaction approval.

The bill conforms Ex-Im lending to current U.S. trade laws now, because of the Toomey amendment, by barring any Ex-Im loan or guarantee for production of substantially the same product that is the subject of a countervailing duty or anti-dumping order or a section 201 determination by the International Trade Commission.

The legislation now also requires the Export-Import Bank to develop procedures for loans and loan guarantees to a business, which is subject to a preliminary countervailing trade duty or an anti-dumping determination of material injury. So we have taken very specific action in the committee on the Toomey amendment to address the concerns that came out of the Benxi steel case.

Fourth, I would say the Export-Import Bank is critical in maintaining U.S. jobs. It creates thousands of jobs every year.

I would like to give a quote from John J. Sweeney, the President of AFL-CIO. He says, "As far as we're concerned, corporations which receive subsidies from the Export-Import Bank are merely vehicles through which jobs and income for American workers are created."

I might also mention, this legislation is supported by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. They strongly support passage of the legislation.

Now is not the time to take an action that is not responsible. We need to approve the 1-month extension today to keep the disruption from the Export-Import Bank's customers, the American exporters, from taking place.

We will have a full debate tomorrow. I am confident that the bill will give the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), for example, and other key members of the committee, as well as certain other Members of the House who have important amendments, an opportunity to present such amendments to be fully debated, and if necessary, a vote in the House.

Mr. Speaker, it is important we approve this legislation today under suspension. I urge my colleagues to support the passage of S. 2248.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this 30-day extension of authorization for the Export-Import Bank. Absent this extension, the Bank's authorization will expire, forcing Ex-Im to begin liquidation of its existing contracts and prohibiting any new transactions.

It is very important to understand that this 30-day extension is independent of consideration of H.R. 2871, the 4-year reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank. H.R. 2871 will be considered tomorrow under a rule, which will give Members an opportunity to offer and debate amendments to the bill. That is the appropriate

venue for consideration of more substantive issues related to the Bank's authorization. Today's 30-day extension is necessary to avert a major disruption of Ex-Im operations during the time it takes to consider H.R. 2871 and conference it with the Senate.

Failure to pass the 30-day extension will not only harm the reputation of the Ex-Im Bank. It will also cause serious economic harm to American businesses, including the thousands of small business exporters that account for 90 percent of the Bank's transactions. It will be a setback for U.S. credibility in the global economy, potentially triggering lack of confidence in the U.S. government as a creditor and guarantor in international financial transactions. And it will send the wrong message on the foreign policy front at a time when we are working hard to engage with other countries in the war on terrorism.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2248.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, on roll call vote 114 last Thursday, April 24, I am not listed as having voted, although I am quite certain I placed my voting card into the voting machine.

Let the record show I intended to vote no on roll call vote 114, the Issa amendment to the Immigration Reform and Accountability Act.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 347) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 347

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary (in this resolution referred to as the "sponsor") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 21st annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (in this resolution jointly referred to

as the "event"), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2001.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on May 15, 2002, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO).

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 347 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 21st Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service to be held on May 15, 2002.

In 2001, over 230 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty protecting and serving our Nation. The officers remembered in this service represent the risk involved in civilian protection, as well as the selflessness necessary to perform their duties. This memorial service will honor the courage and commitment of these men and women.

The memorial service will be one part of the annual Police Week, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. This week of special events always occurs during the calendar week in which the National Peace Officers Memorial Day falls.

The week features such events as the Eighth Annual Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the National Police Challenge 50K relay, the 7th Annual Motorcycle Dice Ride, the Seventh Annual Law Ride, the 14th Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial, the Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary Wreath-laying Ceremony, and the

memorial service authorized by this resolution.

I am proud and honored to bring this bipartisan resolution to the floor. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution, which honors the many brave men and women of law enforcement who gave their lives in the line of duty to make America a safer place to live and work. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 347 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 21st Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, a most solemn and respectful public event honoring our Nation's brave civil servants. The event, scheduled for May 15, will be coordinated with the Office of the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Hill Police.

I strongly support this tribute to Federal, State, and local police who gave their lives in the daily work of protecting our families, our homes, our places of work, and us. Over 230 brave men and women were killed in the line of duty during 2001. Included in that number are the 72 officers who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

On average, one officer is killed in this country every other day, approximately 23,000 are injured every year, and thousands are assaulted going about their daily routines.

During 2001, 219 policemen and 11 policewomen were killed. The average age of those killed was 38 years, and they had an average of 11.7 years of service. The youngest was 21 years old and the oldest was 78 years. Their years of service range from being a rookie to 38 years.

Today, peace officers often must keep the peace even in the homeland, as we saw on September 11, especially here in the District of Columbia. They must be prepared for the unimaginable, not only to prevent crime but to prevent disaster, biological and terror.

Mr. Speaker, the ceremony to be held on May 15 is the 21st anniversary of this memorial service. Consistent with all Capitol Hill events, the memorial service will be free and open to the public.

I support the resolution, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this tribute to our fallen peace officers.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 347 and urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important resolution, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15, 2002.

President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Each year on this date we, as a Nation, have an opportunity to honor the dedication and devotion of our Nation's peace officers. This May will mark the 21st anniversary of the Memorial Service on the Capitol Grounds. The tragic events of September 11 have reminded us of

the great personal sacrifices that our Nation's peace officers make in order to serve the public. Their selflessness has become a model of American strength and courage.

There are approximately 700,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving the American public today. During 2001, more than 230 peace officers were killed in the line of duty, of those killed, eleven were women. The average age of those killed in the line of duty was 38 years. The youngest officer killed was 21; the oldest was 78.

It is most fitting and proper to honor the lives, sacrifices, and public service of our brave peace officers.

I urge support for H. Con. Res. 347.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 347 authorizes use of the Capitol Grounds for the 21st annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service—a most solemn and respectful service. As a former law enforcement official, this ceremony has a special meaning to me, and I strongly support this resolution that honors the police officers, 230 brave men and women, who gave their lives in the daily work of protecting our families and us.

On average, one officer is killed in this country every other day, approximately 23,000 are injured every year, and thousands are assaulted going about their daily routines.

During last year very devoted, heroic officers from the ranks of State, local and Federal service were killed in the line of duty—219 men, and 11 women were killed. The average age of those killed was 38 years, and they had an average of 11.7 years in service.

In my State of Illinois 7 brave police officers dies in the line of duty during 2001—At this time I would like to read their names into the RECORD:

Myron Deckard—Vermillion County, Illinois
Stanley Talbor—Illinois State Police
Brian T. Strause—Chicago
Kevin Rice, Sr.—Rockford
Eric D. Lee—Chicago
Donan J. Faulkner, Jr.—Peoria
Hector A. Silva—Chicago

Mr. Speaker, the ceremony to be held on May 15 is the 21st anniversary of this memorial service. I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this tribute to our fallen Peace Officers.

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

Mrs. CAPITO. 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 gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 347.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 348)

authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Book Festival.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 348

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Library of Congress (in this resolution referred to as the “sponsor”), in cooperation with the First Lady, may sponsor the National Book Festival (in this resolution referred to as the “event”) on the Capitol Grounds.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on September 21, 2002, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

(a) STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.—Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor may cause to be placed on the Capitol Grounds such stage, seating, booths, sound amplification and video devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event, including equipment for the broadcast of the event over radio, television, and other media outlets.

(b) ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board may make any additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, displays, advertisements, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds in connection with the event.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO).

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

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 348 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Library of Congress's National Book Festival, to be held on September 21, 2002. The National Book Festival is a two-day event that will educate children, promote the use of libraries, and encourage the joys of reading.

On Saturday, September 21, First Lady Laura Bush will launch the Second Annual National Book Festival by