

States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers, published as House Document 403, 87th Congress, 2nd Session, House Document 531, 81st Congress, 2nd Session, and House Document 544, 75th Congress, 3rd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine the feasibility of providing comprehensive watershed restoration, environmental restoration and protection, and other water and related land resources in the Willamette River Basin with particular emphasis on the watersheds in and around Springfield and Eugene, Oregon.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2674—DISMAL SWAMP AND DISMAL SWAMP CANAL, CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers, on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Boston, Massachusetts to Beaufort, North Carolina Section published as House Document 391, 62nd Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications to the existing project are advisable to address flooding problems, environmental restoration and protection, and related water resources needs in the vicinity of the Dismal Swamp and Dismal Swamp Canal in Chesapeake, Virginia.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2675—LAKE MONTAUK HARBOR, EAST HAMPTON, NEW YORK

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers, published as House Document 369, 76th Congress, 1st Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications to the recommendations contained therein in the interest of navigation improvements, to include beneficial uses of dredged material and sand-bypassing, in accordance with Section 110 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962, to determine the need for measures to address storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, environmental restoration and protection and other allied purposes in the vicinity of Lake Montauk Harbor, East Hampton, New York.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2676—FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that in accordance with Section 110 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962, the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the feasibility of providing shoreline erosion protection, hurricane and storm damage reduction, and related purposes to the shores of Flagler County, Florida.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2677—STREETS RUN WATERSHED, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United

States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Ohio River, published as House Document 306, 74th Congress, 1st Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine the modifications contained therein are advisable in the interest of flood damage reduction, environmental restoration and protection, and related purposes in the Streets Run Watershed of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2678—LAKE EMILY DAM, PENNSYLVANIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Youghiogheny River, Pennsylvania and Maryland, published as House Document 644, 78th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of repair and rehabilitation of the Lake Emily Dam for stability, aquatic restoration, and other water and related land resources needs, in the vicinity of the City of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2679—GRAND RIVER AT LANSING, MICHIGAN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Grand River at Lansing, Michigan, published in Senate Document 132, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable, with particular reference to preparing a master plan to identify and develop measures for flood control, shoreline protection, environmental restoration and protection, recreation and associated purposes at and in the vicinity of Lansing, Michigan.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2680—EAST RIVER SEAWALL, QUEENS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the East River, New York (Spur Channel to Astoria Waterfront), published as Senate Document 60, 91st Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of water and related land resources needs, including restoration of shoreline protection measures in the Queensbridge area along the East River, New York.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2681—LITTLE SARASOTA BAY, FLORIDA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United

States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Intracoastal Waterway from Caloosahatchee River to Withlacoochee River, Florida, published as House Document 371, 76th Congress, 1st Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of environmental restoration and protection, and water quality restoration related to circulation in Little Sarasota Bay, Florida.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2682—CITY PARK/UNIVERSITY LAKES, LOUISIANA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives. That, the Secretary of the Army, is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Amite River and Tributaries, Louisiana, published as House Document 419, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable in the interest of ecosystem and environmental restoration and protection, water quality and sediment control, and recreational enhancement in the City Park/University Lakes area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

RESOLUTION: DOCKET 2683—SUSQUEHANNA AND DELAWARE RIVER BASINS, PENNSYLVANIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that the Secretary of the Army is requested to review the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Susquehanna River and Tributaries, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, published as House Document 702, 77th Congress, 2nd Session, the report of the Chief of Engineers on the Delaware River Basin, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware published as House Document 522, 87th Congress, 2nd Session, and other pertinent reports to determine the need for improvements in the interest of aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection, particularly as related to abandoned mine drainage abatement, floodplain management, flood control, water supply, and other allied purposes for the watersheds of the Susquehanna and Delaware River Basins lying within the Southern Anthracite Coal Region of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Adopted: May 22, 2002.

ATTEST:

DON YOUNG,
Chairman.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on each 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 votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 6 p.m. today.

MICROENTERPRISE FOR SELF-RELIANCE ACT OF 2000 AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 AMENDMENTS ACT

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4073) to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4073

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE MICROENTERPRISE FOR SELF-RELIANCE ACT OF 2000.

(a) PURPOSES.—Section 103 of the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 (Pub. Law 106-309) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “microentrepreneurs” and inserting “microenterprise households”;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the end;

(3) in paragraph (5)—

(A) by striking “microfinance policy” and inserting “microenterprise policy”;

(B) by striking “the poorest of the poor” and inserting “the very poor”; and

(C) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) to encourage the United States Agency for International Development to develop, assess, and implement effective outreach methods and tools to ensure that all microenterprise assistance authorized under this title, and the amendments made by this title, is used to assist the greatest absolute number of economically viable clients among the very poor, and that at least 50 percent of all microenterprise assistance authorized under this title, and the amendments made under this title, is used in support of programs or lines of service that target the very poor.”

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 104 of such Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking “for microentrepreneurs” and inserting “to microentrepreneurs and their households”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) VERY POOR; POOREST PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.—The terms ‘very poor’ and ‘poorest people in developing countries’ mean those persons living either in the bottom 50 percent below the poverty line as established by the national government of the country or on less than the equivalent of \$1 per day.”

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE MICRO- AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CREDITS PROGRAM UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.

(a) FINDINGS AND POLICY.—Section 108(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151f(a)(2)) is amended by striking “the development of the enterprises of the poor” and inserting “the access to financial services and the development of microenterprises”.

(b) PROGRAM.—Section 108(b) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2151f(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) PROGRAM.—To carry out the policy set forth in subsection (a), the President is authorized to provide assistance to increase the availability of financial services to microenterprise households lacking full access to credit, including through—

“(1) loans and guarantees to microfinance institutions for the purpose of expanding the availability of savings and credit to poor and low-income households;

“(2) training programs for microfinance institutions in order to enable them to better meet the financial services needs of their clients; and

“(3) training programs for clients in order to enable them to make better use of credit, increase their financial literacy, and to better manage their enterprises.”

(c) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—Section 108(c) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2151f(c)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “credit institutions” and inserting “microfinance institutions”; and

(B) by striking “micro- and small enterprises” and inserting “microenterprise households”; and

(2) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by striking “credit” each place it appears and inserting “financial services”.

(d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Section 108(d) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2151f(d)) is amended by striking “micro- and small enterprise programs” and inserting “programs for microenterprise households”.

(e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Section 108(f)(1) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2151f(f)(1)) is amended by striking “for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002” and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2004”.

(f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 108 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2151f) is amended in the heading to read as follows:

“SEC. 108. MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT CREDITS.”

SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.

(a) FINDINGS AND POLICY.—Section 131(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2152a(a)) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) FINDINGS AND POLICY.—Congress finds and declares that—

“(1) access to financial services and the development of microenterprise are vital factors in the stable growth of developing countries and in the development of free, open, and equitable international economic systems;

“(2) it is therefore in the best interest of the United States to facilitate access to financial services and assist the development of microenterprise in developing countries;

“(3) access to financial services and the development of microenterprises can be supported by programs providing credit, savings, training, technical assistance, business development services, and other financial and non-financial services; and

“(4) given the relatively high percentage of populations living in rural areas of developing countries, and the combined high incidence of poverty in rural areas and growing income inequality between rural and urban markets, microenterprise programs should target both rural and urban poor.”

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 131(b) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2152a(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in the first sentence of the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “targeted to very poor entrepreneurs” and all that follows and inserting “used in support of programs or lines of service under which 50 percent or more of the incoming or prospective clients are initially very poor.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “entrepreneurs” and inserting “clients”; and

(2) in paragraph (4)(D)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “very small loans” and inserting “financial services to poor entrepreneurs”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “microfinance” and inserting “microenterprise”.

(c) MONITORING SYSTEM.—Section 131(c) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2152a(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) adopts the widespread use of proven and effective poverty assessment tools to successfully identify the very poor and ensure that they receive needed microenterprise credits, loans, and assistance.”

(d) DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF POVERTY MEASUREMENT METHODS.—Section 131 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2152a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF POVERTY MEASUREMENT METHODS; APPLICATION OF METHODS.—

“(1) DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATION.—(A) The Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, in consultation with appropriate microfinance institutions, microenterprise institutions, and other appropriate entities shall develop no fewer than two low-cost methods for measuring the poverty levels of the current or prospective clients of microenterprise organizations for purposes of assistance under this section. In developing such methods, the Administrator shall give consideration to methods already in use by practitioner institutions.

“(B) The Administrator shall field-test the methods developed under this paragraph, and as part of the testing, institutions and programs may use these methods on a voluntary basis to demonstrate their ability to reach the very poor.

“(C) Not later than October 1, 2004, the Administrator shall, from among the low-cost poverty measurement methods developed under this paragraph, certify no fewer than two of such methods as approved methods for measuring the poverty levels of the current or prospective clients of microenterprise organizations for purposes of assistance under this section.

“(2) APPLICATION.—Beginning on and after October 1, 2004, assistance furnished under this section to a program or to a line of service within an institution shall qualify, in whole or in part, as targeted assistance to the very poor if one or more of the measurement methods approved under paragraph (1), or one or more of the measurement methods approved in accordance with paragraph (1) after October 1, 2004, verifies that at least 50 percent of the incoming or prospective clients of the program or line of service are initially among the very poor.”

(e) LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 131(e) of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (d), is amended by inserting “and \$175,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 and \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2004” after “fiscal years 2001 and 2002”.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—Section 131(f) of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (d), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) VERY POOR; POOREST PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.—The terms ‘very poor’ and ‘poorest people in developing countries’ mean those persons living either in the bottom 50 percent below the poverty line as established by the national government of the country or on less than the equivalent of \$1 per day.”

SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Not later than July 1, 2004, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development shall submit to Congress a report that contains—

(1) a description of the interim poverty measurement methods developed and implemented pursuant to section 131(d)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by section 3(d);