

gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON), has some very eloquent and wise thoughts on this issue.

We have had a hearing on our footprint in Germany, the 72,400 uniformed personnel in Germany, about 55,000 of whom are Army personnel; and we have also looked at the fact that American personnel can live much less expensively in places like Poland.

Mr. Chairman, from my own perspective, I will never forget that at a time when we had a dwindling list of allies who wanted to participate side by side with our young Americans who were laying their lives on the line in the Iraq conflicts, Poland sent a contingent of some 200 special operators into that theater and served with us in battle. I think it would be very appropriate, in fact, this committee has seen fit to place some money for military expenditures, for some early preliminary work in Poland, Bulgaria and Romania; and I think that we should certainly look at this Europe, this new Europe that Secretary Rumsfeld talks about in terms of the changing requirements that we have and the resultant changing strategic posture of the United States in Europe.

Mr. Chairman, I would offer this amendment. I look forward to comments from the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON).

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

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I know of no opposition to the amendment. I personally endorse it and support it.

Times have changed. Situations have changed. But I think one fact that is very important is the fact that NATO is an ongoing, successful organization, and it has recently expanded, and we should take advantage of that expansion and the friendship that is growing as a result of the new members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

This amendment requires a reevaluation of the current posture of American forces in Europe. It is designed only for the American forces, and it calls for a reevaluation.

I think there are a number of things we could and should consider. To begin with, I think it is important for us to remember that stationing troops in Germany is a very positive thing and that we should not rush to judgment just to move troops from Germany. But having said that, I think it is a good idea to take a look at the eastern countries. Poland, our chairman mentioned, and to their great credit, side by side, they have their special forces there, theirs with ours, in Iraq. Consequently, I think we should take advantage of that new-found friendship and that new-found military cooperation with that country and, of course, others in the region that are new to the NATO organizations.

Consider the entire picture, not being prejudiced one way or the other, but, A, take advantage of the new friends and those that are willing to help us;

B, remember our old obligations and the admonitions of some that we should keep a strong footprint in Germany.

With that, I fully agree with the chairman's amendment, and I intend to support it, and I thank him for offering it at this time.

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

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER).

The amendment was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. No further amendments being in order, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVERETT) having assumed the chair, Mr. OSE, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). The Chair announces the proceedings will resume tomorrow on the motions to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1683 and H.R. 1257, originally considered yesterday.

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VACATING ADOPTION OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 46, AMENDING SAID CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, AND ADOPTING CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AS SO AMENDED

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the action of the House adopting Senate Concurrent Resolution 46 be vacated to the end that the House hereby amend the concurrent resolution by striking "Secretary of the Senate" and inserting in lieu thereof "Clerk of the House" and adopt the concurrent resolution, as so amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CONGRESSIONAL SPEEDWAY CAUCUS

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce the formation of the Congressional Speedway Caucus. Races like the Indianapolis 500, the Daytona 500 and the Southern 500 have become American institutions.

Hundreds of companies and thousands of individuals strive to make these spectacles of speed some of the most exciting events in the world. However, they are beginning to face unique challenges in the post-9/11 world. With some of the speedways in America hosting the largest spectator events in the country, they are already starting to express concern about homeland security needs and how they can better protect the hundreds of thousands of race fans who come to their raceways.

I have one of the greatest events, Mr. Speaker, in my district, the Indianapolis 500 Speedway Race, which is coming up next Sunday. We have 32 Members of Congress who have speedways within their congressional districts. Twenty-two of these have already agreed to be members of this exciting caucus.

I would encourage those with or without speedways in their districts to join the caucus to better represent all of the fans across the world who come to our district who come to this country to enjoy this spectator sport and try to resolve some of the impending issues of these speedways.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert the names of all of the members of the Speedway Caucus who have stepped forward and joined this unique opportunity. They are as follows:

Rep. Virgil Goode (R-VA).
Rep. Charles Bass (R-NH).
Rep. Sue Myrick (R-KS).
Rep. Dennis Moore (R-KS).
Rep. Robin Hayes (R-NC).
Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC).
Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN).
Rep. John Spratt (D-SC).
Rep. Lincoln Davis (D-TN).
Rep. Bill Lipinski (D-IL).
Rep. Amo Houghton (R-NY).
Rep. Ken Lucas (D-KY).
Rep. Mike Oxley (R-OH).
Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN).
Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC).
Rep. Cass Ballenger (R-NC).
Rep. Nick Smith (R-MI).
Rep. Paul Kanjorski (D-PA).
Rep. Dennis Cardoza (D-CA).
Rep. Chris Chocola (R-IN).
Rep. J. Gresham Barrett (R-SC).
Rep. Harold Ford, Jr. (D-TN).
Rep. Jim Gibbons (R-NV).
Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI).
Rep. Mac Collins (R-GA).
Rep. Robert Scott (D-VA).
Rep. Jerry Costello (D-IL).
Rep. Ed Pastor (D-AZ).
Rep. Jim Copper (D-TN).
Rep. John Tanner (D-TN).
Rep. Patrick Toomey (R-PA).
Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV).
Rep. Rob Simmons (R-CT).

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JANKLOW) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JANKLOW addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CULBERSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HINCHEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE TARGETS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUSSLE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD targets for the elimination of waste, fraud and abuse in Government programs under the authority of Section 301 of H. Con. Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004 (H. Rept. 108-71).

Section 301 of the budget resolution requires House and Senate authorizing committees to submit findings to the Committees on the Budget that provide for the elimination of waste, fraud and abuse in programs under

their jurisdiction. The level of savings to be achieved by each committee was left unspecified in the budget resolution; the Chairmen of the Committees on the Budget were directed to submit those levels of savings for publication in the RECORD subsequent to adoption of the budget resolution.

The following savings targets, which are consistent with the level of savings expected from Senate authorizing committees, represent the minimum expectations for cost reductions derived from the improvement of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of programs within the jurisdiction of each House committee. The publication of these targets does not represent a level of programmatic reductions ("cuts") mandated by the Committees on the Budget, but rather a recommendation that the committees of jurisdiction find efficiencies equal to 1 percent of the net cost of the programs within their jurisdiction through the elimination of waste, fraud, and abuse.

TARGETS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE UNDER SECTION 301 OF THE BUDGET RESOLUTION BY HOUSE AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE

[By fiscal year, in billions of dollars]

	2004	2004-08	2004-13	Total mandatory spending in budget resolution
Agriculture:				
BA	-0.495	-2.572	-5.254	525.250
Outlays	-0.455	-2.396	-4.945	494.464
Armed Services:				
BA	-0.779	-4.202	-9.179	918.038
Outlays	-0.777	-4.195	-9.165	916.462
Education and the Workforce:				
BA	-0.205	-1.144	-2.513	251.767
Outlays	-0.197	-1.103	-2.431	243.590
Energy and Commerce:				
BA	-1.802	-10.583	-26.512	2,649.002
Outlays	-1.815	-10.594	-26.523	2,650.184
Financial Services:				
BA	-0.072	-0.380	-0.751	75.044
Outlays	-0.018	-0.061	-0.095	2.817
Government Reform:				
BA	-0.827	-4.496	-9.998	999.817
Outlays	0.812	-4.423	-9.859	985.880
House Administration:				
BA	-0.002	-0.010	-0.020	2.112
Outlays	-0.004	-0.012	-0.024	2.334
International Relations:				
BA	-0.100	-0.599	-1.289	128.893
Outlays	-0.119	-0.563	-1.181	118.132
Judiciary:				
BA	-0.072	-0.319	-0.652	65.225
Outlays	-0.065	-0.319	-0.644	64.444
Resources:				
BA	-0.033	-0.158	-0.314	32.724
Outlays	-0.030	-0.149	-0.297	30.646
Science:				
BA	—	—	—	0.341
Outlays	-0.001	-0.003	-0.003	0.513
Small Business:				
BA	—	—	—	0.006
Outlays	—	—	—	n.a.
Transportation and Infrastructure:				
BA	-0.491	-2.689	-5.484	640.539
Outlays	-0.143	-0.763	-1.578	157.850
Veterans' Affairs:				
BA	-0.342	-1.833	-3.864	386.551
Outlays	-0.340	-1.825	-3.850	384.941
Ways and Means:				
BA	-5.495	-30.411	-71.339	7,616.989
Outlays	-5.517	-30.467	-71.428	7,625.699
Total:				
BA	-10.715	-59.396	-137.169	14,292.298
Outlays	-10.293	-56.873	-132.023	13,677.880

Note.—Section 301(c) of H. Con. Res. 95 does not include the House Select Committee on Intelligence. "—" means less than \$500,000.

I look forward to working with House committees in the future development of legislative initiatives to ensure the delivery of Government programs in the most cost-effective manner.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. LIPINSKI addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SHERMAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.