

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TRUST FUND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2121) to amend the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Act of 1990 to authorize additional appropriations for the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2121

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 "Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund Enhancement Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program.

(2) The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program was founded to honor the 34th President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, for his character, courage, patriotism, and commitment to international understanding through exchange.

(3) Over the past 50 years the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program has exposed thousands of leaders throughout the world to the values of American political institutions, private sector commerce, educational opportunities, and cultural and societal traditions.

(4) Eisenhower Exchange Fellows worldwide have assumed positions of leadership in their respective countries, whether in the fields of government, industry, or civil society, and they retain links to the United States through their membership in Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships.

(5) The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship is developing a new program to broaden its geographic base to emphasize the relationship of the United States with the Arab world.

(6) Congress has previously recognized the importance of the work of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program when it granted the program a Federal Charter under section 3(a) of Public Law 101-454.

(7) The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship is one of the best examples of public and private partnerships.

(8) Additional resources are required to achieve the goals and objectives of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship program in the 21st century.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TRUST FUND.

Section 5 of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-454; 20 U.S.C. 5204) is amended—

(1) by striking "To provide" and inserting "(a) INITIAL ENDOWMENT.—To provide"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b) ENHANCED ENDOWMENT.—In addition to the amount initially appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriation under subsection (a), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund \$12,500,000 for fiscal year 2004."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2121.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the gentleman from Illinois (Chairman HYDE) I am pleased to speak to a bill introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Kansas (Mr. TIAHRT). The measure authorizes an increase in the Eisenhower Fellows Trust Fund that was established in 1992. The proceeds of this trust fund finance this well-respected exchange program. The increase will be directed towards programs in the Middle East.

The Eisenhower Fellowships is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization created in 1953 to honor President Eisenhower. Eisenhower Fellowships promote international understanding and productivity through the exchange of information and ideas among emerging leaders throughout the world. The program brings rising leaders from other countries to the United States and sends American counterparts abroad with a custom designed program for each participant.

The fellowship program seeks to create a network of leaders whose ties to one another and the United States may foster peace, productivity and progress. This is accomplished by creating programs that enhance the capacities of men and women leaders likely to have an impact on their nation's development. Programs are designed to build on the individual's professional skills as well as develop contacts within the United States. These experiences are devoted to the growth of the individual Fellows, to the advancement of their effectiveness as leaders, and to their ability to contribute to progress and reconciliation among diverse groups.

The advantage to the United States in such interaction affords our citizens the opportunity to understand the aims, achievements and problems of different countries through meeting proven young leaders of these countries.

In closing, the Eisenhower Fellowships promote international under-

standing and productivity through the exchange of information, ideas and perspectives among emerging leaders throughout the world. This is important and useful to our future as a member of the globalized society.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation and I urge my colleagues to do so as well. This legislation reauthorizes an important public diplomacy program named after our 34th President, Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Eisenhower Fellowship Program, funded by both the private and public sectors, has made an enduring contribution to international understanding and furthering U.S. interests around the globe by promoting international understanding through the exchange of information, ideas and perspectives among emerging leaders worldwide. It brings rising foreign leaders to the United States and sends their American counterparts abroad, with a custom designed program for each participant.

Mr. Speaker, since its inception, over 1,500 fellows have become alumni of the program. Among them are four heads of government and 100 cabinet-level appointees. Numerous fellows have become ambassadors, legislators, university presidents, supreme court judges and governors. They head major corporations and nonprofit organizations involving health, environment and culture.

Mr. Speaker, this is the type of program that must be continued if we are going to try to improve our stature around the world and to change the misunderstandings that are being propagated by those who do not understand our great Nation.

Indeed, we must increase these types of programs if we are going to start to make inroads on the increasingly negative view of the United States that has been growing over the past 2 years. Recognizing this need, the Eisenhower program is developing an expanded program for Middle East and the Arab world.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support passage of this legislation, and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2121—the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Trust Fund Enhancement Act. The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship honors former President Dwight D. Eisenhower for his character, courage and patriotism in both times of war and peace. Its programs are designed to advance international understanding by providing opportunities to emerging world leaders; exposing them to diverse experiences. Each year the program attracts approximately 45 leaders to the United States from countries around the world. Eisenhower Fellowships spend two months studying, learning and participating in democratic institutions at all levels of government.

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President Eisenhower believed that informed professionals have the best opportunity to create international trust and cooperation. Eisenhower Fellowships has followed this vision. Since its founding in 1953 by private citizens, Eisenhower Fellowships has built up a distinguished alumni body of over 1,300 alumni in over 100 countries. There are 4 heads of state and over 100 cabinet appointments among them.

During its first 50 years, Eisenhower Fellowships has proven the validity and impact of its founding vision to bring together young leaders from all over the world to pursue our mission, as Eisenhower saw it, of peace through understanding. On October 3rd, 2003 Dr. Henry Kissinger, Chairman of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship, presented the Eisenhower Medal for Leadership and Service to former Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Chairman and President George H.W. Bush.

The tragedy of September 11th and the subsequent evidence of deep international hatreds and misunderstanding have demonstrated that Eisenhower Fellowships' core mission is even more relevant now than it was in 1953. Since September 11th, almost daily headlines have provided further evidence of deep rifts along with misunderstanding and violence; conditions analogous to those that led to the creation of Eisenhower Fellowships 50 years ago.

For Eisenhower Fellowships to continue to have a meaningful impact globally, a significant expansion of its programs is imperative. World population has grown from 2.7 billion in 1953 to well over 6 billion; and there are now 192 independent nations versus a few dozen when Eisenhower Fellowships was founded.

The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship is funded by a mix of private and Federal funds. Congress granted a Federal charter in 1990 (P.L. 101-454) and created a permanent trust fund to assist the fellowship program. The initial trust fund authorization has not increased in over fourteen years while demands on the program have increased substantially. This is a fitting time to recognize the commitment of the program to its original goals and to increase trust fund investments. Under its federal charter, funds deposited into the trust fund remain in the United States Treasury and are invested in governmental securities. Only proceeds from the trust fund are appropriated to the Fellowship for operations. H.R. 2121 would increase trust fund assets by \$12.5 million. This is essential as the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship is advancing plans for a major new initiative with key countries in the Middle East; including Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Near the end of his first inaugural address, President Eisenhower said, it is "our hope, and our belief, that we can help to heal this divided world." That faith in the ability of America to help bring peace and justice to the world was a fundamental part of Dwight Eisenhower. It is fitting that 50 years later the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship is still promoting these values and ideas in the name of President Dwight David Eisenhower.

I support H.R. 2121 and commend the Committee for bringing this critical bill to the floor honoring an outstanding President and a great Kansan.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I learned recently that the entire Kansas delegation joined together on May 15th as original co-sponsors of H.R. 2121—The Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Trust Fund Enhancement Act. The purpose of the bill is to increase the Federal Trust Fund established by Congress that assists in funding the work of the Eisenhower Fellowships program. I commend Congressman Tod Tiahrt for taking the lead on introducing this legislation and encourage you to work with him in getting this bill enacted into law.

As the current Chairman of Eisenhower Fellowships, I can attest to the need for increased Federal support. The organization is funded by a mix of private and Federal funds. Congress granted a Federal charter in 1990 (PL 101-454) and created a permanent trust fund to assist the fellowship program. The initial trust fund authorization has not increased in over thirteen years. Although we have steadily increased the levels and proportion of our private funding, demand for our programs has increased far more rapidly than our resources. This has been especially true since September 11, 2001, an event that strongly underlined the urgency of our mission: building understanding and progress through dialogue among leaders from around the world. Now in its fiftieth year of successful operations, Eisenhower Fellowships remains committed to this original goal and poised to make a larger contribution.

I therefore ask for your support of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund Enhancement Act of 2003 by scheduling this bill as soon as possible after Congress returns from the August break. The timing of this is critical to me and to all the supporters of the Eisenhower Fellowships, since I will be chairing its 50th Anniversary Board meeting on October 3, 2003, and presenting the Eisenhower Medal for Leadership and Service to former President George H.W. Bush—my predecessor as Chairman of Eisenhower Fellowships. The Congressional expression of support for our mission by enacting this bill into law will be a key factor in strengthening this very fine example of public/private endeavor in a mission critical to the U.S. national interest.

Sincerely,

HENRY A. KISSINGER.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2121.

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.

JAMES E. WORSHAM POST OFFICE AND JAMES E. WORSHAM CARRIER ANNEX BUILDING

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3340) to redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 and 7748

S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "James E. Worsham Post Office" and the "James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building", respectively, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3340

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

SECTION 1. JAMES E. WORSHAM POST OFFICE.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "James E. Worsham Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in this section shall be deemed to be a reference to the James E. Worsham Post Office.

SEC. 2. JAMES E. WORSHAM CARRIER ANNEX BUILDING.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in this section shall be deemed to be a reference to the James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3340.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker on behalf of the Committee on Government Reform, I rise in support of H.R. 3340. This bill redesignates two postal facilities in Chicago, Illinois, as the James E. Worsham Post Office and the James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building, respectively. My esteemed colleague, the gentleman from Chicago, Illinois, introduced this legislation and all members of the Illinois State Congressional delegation have cosponsored this bill. I share their support of H.R. 3340, and I urge all of my colleagues to likewise support this bill.

James Worsham was a native of Chicago and enjoyed an admired career as a letter carrier and a leader of a postal employees union. After bravely serving our Nation for 4 years, Worsham began his postal career as a letter carrier in 1963. He ultimately joined the National Association of Letter Carriers and he rose to the ranks of Branch President and National Trustee.