

House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and so I urge the House approve the legislation.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of our time.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I urge the immediate passage of S. 244.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 244.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REYNOLDS CREEK HYDROELECTRIC LICENSE EX- TENSION BILL

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 176) to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 176

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT.

Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 11480, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for 3 consecutive 2-year periods beyond the date that is 4 years after the date of issuance of the license.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BOUCHER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the legislation now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 176, the Reynolds Creek Hydroelectric Licensing Extension Act,

which authorizes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time specified in the project license to begin construction of the Reynolds Creek hydroelectric project for three 2-year periods, a total of 6 years. The Reynolds Creek project is a five megawatt project on Prince of Wales Island in Alaska.

This bill has passed the Senate by unanimous consent. Passage of this bill today will send it to the President's desk and allow further development of clean, renewable hydroelectric power.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation which would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the commencement of the construction deadline for the Reynolds Creek hydroelectric project in Alaska for three 2-year periods. The license was originally issued in the year 2000, and the bill before us would provide a routine extension of the commencement of construction deadline.

The legislation is non-controversial and was approved by voice vote of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. I urge that the House approve this measure.

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

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and urge the immediate passage of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 176.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS IN CONNECTICUT

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 971) to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 971

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NUMBERED 11547.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 11547, the Commission shall, upon enactment of this Act, extend the time period during which the

licensee is required to commence the construction of the project to and including May 30, 2007. Thereafter the Commission shall, at the request of the licensee for the project and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for 2 consecutive 2-year periods.

(b) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—The Commission shall reinstate the license for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 11547 effective as of the date of its expiration, and the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of such expiration.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECTS NUMBERED 10822 AND 10823.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission projects numbered 10822 and 10823, the Commission shall, upon enactment of this Act, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of each such project to and including May 30, 2007. Thereafter the Commission shall, at the request of the licensee for each such project and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for 2 consecutive 2-year periods.

(b) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—The Commission shall reinstate the licenses for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission projects numbered 10822 and 10823 effective as of the date of their expiration, and the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of such expiration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BOUCHER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation and to insert extraneous material on the bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 971, a bill to provide license extensions of time to begin construction of three hydroelectric projects in Connecticut: the 440 kilowatt Hale project, the 373 kilowatt Collinsville Upper and the 1.1 megawatt Collinsville Lower projects. The bill extends the start time period for construction until May 30, 2007, for all three projects, and also authorizes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time and the start date by two additional 2-year periods.

These renewable hydroelectric projects will provide a boost to the local economy, remove river debris and enhance fishery resources by constructing fish ladders. They also provide a valuable new resource of hydroelectric energy in the New England area.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation which would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the commencement of construction deadline for three hydroelectric projects in the State of Connecticut. The legislation would enable the Commission to extend until May of 2007 the deadline, with the ability to issue two additional 2-year extensions, for commencing construction on the proposed Hale hydroelectric project. In addition, the bill would require the FERC to extend the commencement of construction deadlines for the Collinsville Upper hydroelectric project and the Collinsville Lower hydroelectric project.

This measure is noncontroversial and was approved by voice vote of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. It is my pleasure to urge its approval by the House.

Madam Speaker, I would say to the gentleman from Idaho, I have no additional requests for time, and seeing that he has one, we will yield back the balance of our time. I am sure these will be friendly comments.

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

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his consideration.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SIMMONS).

Mr. SIMMONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 971, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric plants in my State of Connecticut. I thank the gentleman for yielding time; and I also thank the chairman of the full committee, Chairman BARTON, for his leadership and work on this important legislation.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has approved licenses for three hydroelectric plants in Connecticut. Unfortunately, due to reasons beyond their control, Summit Hydroelectric has been unable to begin construction on these approved projects. The delays have been caused by regulatory changes and lease negotiations with the State of Connecticut.

We know that section 13 of the Federal Power Act requires that the construction of a licensed project begin with 2 years from the date the license is issued. FERC is authorized under the law to extend this deadline upon a finding that such extension is "not incompatible with the public interest." FERC did provide a one-time exten-

sion, but more time is needed, and that is why we have this legislation before us here tonight, to enable these projects to go forward.

Like two other operational hydroelectric facilities located in my district in eastern Connecticut, these facilities will benefit local communities by adding historical value, because many of the dams are of historic nature, increasing property tax revenues to the town and providing for economic stimulation.

In addition, the facilities would significantly reduce trash and pollution in the rivers. For example, one such facility is estimated to remove about three tons of trash each year from the rivers through the screening process. Each of these facilities will remove 36 tons a year of sulfur dioxide pollution, 15 tons per year of nitrogen oxide pollution, and 5,000 tons a year of carbon dioxide pollution. So these facilities are not only important to generate electricity, they are also important to clean up the rivers and to clean up the air. In addition, they will all include fish ladders that are beneficial to our native salmon migration.

Finally, Madam Speaker, we know that increasing renewable energy sources has never been more important. Hydropower serves to help lessen our dependence on imported oil, which is paramount to increasing our Nation's security and reducing pollution.

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

Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Connecticut for the information that he has given us; and I appreciate his personal perspective on the continuation of the licenses for these dams and the construction.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and urge the immediate passage of H.R. 971.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 971.

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.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH REFORM ACT OF 2006

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6164) to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 6164

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Organization of National Institutes of Health.
- Sec. 3. Authority of Director of NIH.
- Sec. 4. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 5. Reports.
- Sec. 6. Certain demonstration projects.
- Sec. 7. Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.
- Sec. 8. Applicability.

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 281) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 401. ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

"(a) RELATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.—The National Institutes of Health is an agency of the Service.

"(b) NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND NATIONAL CENTERS.—The following agencies of the National Institutes of Health are national research institutes or national centers:

- "(1) The National Cancer Institute.
- "(2) The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.
- "(3) The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.
- "(4) The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.
- "(5) The National Institute on Aging.
- "(6) The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.
- "(7) The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.
- "(8) The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.
- "(9) The National Eye Institute.
- "(10) The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.
- "(11) The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.
- "(12) The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.
- "(13) The National Institute on Drug Abuse.
- "(14) The National Institute of Mental Health.
- "(15) The National Institute of General Medical Sciences.
- "(16) The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.
- "(17) The National Institute of Nursing Research.
- "(18) The National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.
- "(19) The National Human Genome Research Institute.
- "(20) The National Library of Medicine.
- "(21) The National Center for Research Resources.
- "(22) The John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences.
- "(23) The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.
- "(24) The National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.
- "(25) Any other national center that, as an agency separate from any national research institute, was established within the National Institutes of Health as of the day before the date of the enactment of the National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006.

"(c) DIVISION OF PROGRAM COORDINATION, PLANNING, AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Within the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health, there shall be a Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (referred to in this subsection as the 'Division').