

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.