

place in a region of great strategic interest to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, this is also a place where our young people are in harm's way in the Persian Gulf. I urge my colleagues to seriously attend to the issue of proliferation as they decide on their vote and vote no on most-favored-nation status to China.

AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED ANNEX AND SCHEDULE OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR REVIEW BY MEMBERS

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce to all Members of the House that the permanent select committee has ordered H.R. 1775, the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998, reported to the House. That report was filed this morning.

I would also like to announce that the classified annex and the classified schedule of authorizations accompanying H.R. 1775 are available for review by Members at the offices of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in room H-405 of the Capitol. The committee office will be open during regular business hours for the convenience of any Member who wishes to review this material prior to its consideration by the House. It is my understanding that H.R. 1775 will be considered on the floor the week we return from the Independence Day recess.

I would recommend that Members wishing to review the classified annex contact the committee's director of security to arrange a time and date for that viewing. This will assure the availability of committee staff to assist Members who desire that assistance during the review of the classified materials. I urge Members to take some time to review these classified documents before the bill is brought to the floor in order to better understand the recommendations of the committee.

The classified annex to the committee's report contains the intelligence committee's recommendations to the intelligence budget for fiscal year 1998 and related classified information that may not be disclosed publicly but which Members are entitled to.

It is important that Members keep in mind the requirements of clause 13 of rule XLIII of the House adopted at the beginning of the 104th Congress. That rule only permits access to classified information by those Members of the House who have signed the oath set out in rule XLIII.

For Members who wish further instruction on rule XLIII and the oath, they can also call the intelligence office.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 164 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 164

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 437) to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour, with forty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources and twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 6 of rule XXIII. Each section of that amendment shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGAN). The gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for one hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], my friend, ranking member, former distinguished chairman of the Committee on Rules, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, this rule is straightforward, fair, was reported without dissent by the Committee on Rules. Under House Resolution 164, any Member seeking to improve the bill by offering a germane amendment may do so. The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate, 40 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Resources and 20 minutes afforded to their counterparts from the Committee on Science, as we heard from the reading from the Clerk.

The rule also reconciles a slight difference between those committees by

considering an amendment in the nature of a substitute as the base text for consideration. It is a sensible process that allows us to consider the bill in a timely fashion without restricting the rights of the minority or individual Members, the deliberative process at work in the people's House.

H.R. 437 reauthorizes the National Sea Grant College Program. This program leverages a small Federal investment of approximately 50 million a year which is matched by nonfederal funds to over 300 sea grant institutions and affiliated schools throughout our Nation. Located at the Nation's premier research universities, sea grant focuses the skills of hundreds of researchers on issues affecting the development and use of our marine and coastal resources. It is a program that is working.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 437, especially as a Representative from the great State of Florida and its wonderful coastline and beaches. I am particularly pleased that my home State of Florida is a leading participant in the program. All nine of our State universities are involved in sea grant activities, along with several private universities and marine research laboratories. Sea grant provides a good example of the national benefits that can come with local investment. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this wide-open fair rule that makes this important bill in order.

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

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

I thank my colleague and dear friend, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS], for yielding me the customary half hour.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this open rule. It is a very, very good program. The National Sea Grants College Act was created 30 years ago to improve the marine resource conservation management and use. Since that time, Mr. Speaker, the U.S. sea grants have provided our country with priceless information about our marine resources, how best to conserve them, how best to use them.

This marine science is not only limited to ocean life, Mr. Speaker. It includes our coastal and Great Lakes areas as well.

Today there are over 300 sea grant institutions, two of which are in my home State of Massachusetts: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole. Woods Hole has been a national leader in marine biotechnology research for many years. And Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been a leading participant in sea grant programs since 1969.

Today they are researching the northern right whale. This is an endangered species whose last natural habitat is in the Stellwagon Bank. Unfortunately, something in the environment is changing the whale's breeding patterns and causing great concern not