

divorce decrees or property settlements do not affect the life insurance payments of Federal employees if no beneficiary has been named. So the net effect of current law can punish children and family members because of the benefactor's failure to designate a new beneficiary.

H.R. 1316 could require the Office of Personnel Management to pay the Federal employee's insurance proceeds in accordance with State domestic relations orders. This would make sure that, in the event that no beneficiary had been named, the life insurance benefits are granted to family members and children as based on State court orders. This small change will ensure that family and children are cared for.

I want to thank the chairman and ranking member of the subcommittee and I want to thank my colleague, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. COLLINS]. This is the second bill reported by the corrections committee to be considered on the House floor. The first, the nurse aide training bill, was introduced, passed by the House and Senate and signed into law in 2 months.

It is the unique quality of the corrections committee that brings these bills to the floor in a streamlined way.

The committee works in a bipartisan manner. We work with the committee chairs who handle these issues and we are able to forge a consensus among Members and bring needed improvements and changes to the House floor. This legislation before us today enjoys strong bipartisan support, and again I commend my colleagues for introducing this improvement to our Nation's laws.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to adopt this bill.

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

I want to address a few issues that the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] spoke on. First of all, I want to thank the chairman for the bipartisan way in which he has worked with myself and the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER]. I think it is extremely important, the issues that he has brought up. And in that spirit of bipartisanship which we have shared since I have been the ranking member, I just want to thank the gentleman again for his cooperation, because I know it is a major issue for the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] and many other people throughout the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, this noncontroversial legislation passed the House last year as part of the omnibus civil service bill. That comprehensive legislation was not enacted. Therefore, it is appropriate that we bring forward this bipartisan bill, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote favorably.

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Just in closing, I would like to also thank again our ranking member, the

gentleman from Maryland [Mr. CUMMINGS], for the bipartisan manner in which this legislation has been handled. I am pleased that we could participate in this Corrections Day in this manner and make a correction to legislation in a bipartisan fashion. It shows, first, that the Congress does work; and, second, that the government system does function when we see a problem that can be corrected, when we are all rowing in the same direction.

So I am pleased again for the leadership provided by the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. COLLINS] in introducing this legislation and the bipartisan support we have had in passing this legislation today, bringing it before the House.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RADANOVICH). Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the amendment recommended by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and on the bill.

The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and (three-fifths having voted in favor thereof) the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1316, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

DISAPPROVAL OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR CHINA

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of yesterday, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of the People's Republic of China, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 79 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 79

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress does not approve the extension of the authority

contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 recommended by the President to the Congress on May 29, 1997, with respect to the People's Republic of China.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. LAHOOD]. Pursuant to the order of the House of Monday, June 23, 1997, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CRANE], and a Member in support of the joint resolution each will control 1 hour and 45 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CRANE].

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CRANE. 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 matter on House Joint Resolution 79.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to yield one-half of my time to the gentleman from California [Mr. MATSUI] in opposition to the resolution, and I further ask that he be permitted to yield blocks of time.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman from California [Mr. STARK] in favor of the resolution?

Mr. STARK. I am, Mr. Speaker.

I ask unanimous consent that I be yielded half of the time and that I be permitted to control that time.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to yield half of my time to the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING], and that he in turn be permitted to control that time.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to yield 15 minutes to the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], chairman of the Committee on Rules and that he be permitted to control that time.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CRANE].

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to House Joint Resolution 79 because revoking China's MFN trade status would have the effect of severing trade relations between our two countries. My firm belief is that the free exchange of commerce and ideas offers the best hope we have to project the