This amendment is not about simply prohibiting people from sunbathing in the nude or swimming in the nude. This amendment is about sexual harassment of a form and nature that pales in comparison to what we see on the job sites in many of our places today. Indeed, if I were to describe some of the content of what is going on on this beach in my district, we would need a rating system for C-SPAN.

I repeat, this is not just about nude sunbathers. This is about a lot of behavior that I would rather not even describe here on the floor of the House.

Now, I approached the National Park Service and asked them to deal with Canaveral National Seashore like they dealt with Cape Cod in 1991 under the Bush administration, where they designated that nudity would not be allowed, and the National Park Service refused.

In response to that, the county commission in Brevard County, FL, where the beach is located, passed an ordinance designating no nudity. And then, against my recommendations, the National Park Service chose to post signs designating a portion of the beach as ''clothing optional.'' What happened subsequent to that was that there were people arrested for violating the county's nudity ordinance, and then they used the existence of those signs in their defense and the charges were dropped.

Now, in the defense of the National Park Service, they have now since removed those signs designating a portion of the beach as ''clothing optional.'' However, people in my community remain concerned that the National Park Service will not respect local authority on this issue and may choose to redesignate an area of the beach as clothing optional.

My amendment is very simple. It basically states that the Park Service cannot designate a portion of the beach as clothing optional in the future. Additionally, my amendment states that this will not be in effect if the county should repeal its county ordinance.

I therefore encourage all my colleagues to support the amendment. My amendment is very simple. It basically states it is limited to Canaveral National Seashore. Its also states that if the local ordinance is repealed, that this amendment is no longer in effect.

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

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to say that I originally rose in opposition because I was not sure of what the facts were in this case.

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As explained by the gentleman, a question comes to my mind, and that is this: The gentleman stated that the Park Service had removed its signs, if I understood the gentleman correctly. If that be true, why then is the amendment needed?

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. YATES. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. We asked the Park Service to designate Canaveral National Seashore as ''no nudity,'' like they had at Cape Cod in Massachusetts, and they have refused, for reasons that I do not understand, and we continue to have a serious ongoing problem. And then when they posted those signs, there were a lot of constituents in my district who were very disturbed about that. And there is concern amongst my constituents, because of their unwillingness to designate this beach as no nudity, that they may in the future again try to set aside a portion of the beach.

So I am responding to my constituents, putting into law language that prohibits the Park Service from doing this again. And frankly, I think it was very inappropriate for the Park Service to do that in the first place.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, based on the explanation of the gentleman from Florida [Mr. Weldon], perhaps I may be inclined to support his amendment.

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time.

In closing, I would like to thank the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. YATES] for supporting my amendment. I would encourage all of my colleagues to support this amendment. This is about whether moms can go to the beach with their kids and enjoy themselves.

I have lots of case reports that I can share with any of my colleagues here of how the enjoyment of those families on the beach was very, very much intruded upon.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WELDON of Florida. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Chairman, I ask if the gentleman would put some of those in the RECORD to support his position?

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Reclaiming my time, I would be happy to do that.

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. REGULA].

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Chairman, we have no objection to the amendment. I join with my colleague from Illinois [Mr. YATES] in accepting it.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. WELDON].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 181, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. WELDON] will be postponed.

The Clerk will read the final lines of the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

This Act may be cited as the ''Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998''.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GIBBONS], having assumed the chair, Mr. LATOURETTE, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill, H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained, followed by the question de novo on approval of the Journal.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 1818 by the yeas and nays; H.R. 2035 by the yeas and nays; and on the approval of the Journal de novo.

The Chair may reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 1997

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1818, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1818, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 14, not voting 7, as follows:

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YEAS—413

Abercrombie	Berman	Burton
Ackerman	Berry	Buyer
Aderholt	Bilbray	Callahan
Allen	Bilirakis	Calvert
Andrews	Bishop	Camp
Archer	Blagojevich	Campbell
Armey	Bliley	Canady
Bachus	Blumenauer	Cannon
Baesler	Boehlert	Capps
Baker	Boehner	Cardin
Baldacci	Bonilla	Carson
Ballenger	Bonior	Castle
Barcia	Bono	Chabot
Barr	Borski	Chambliss
Barrett (NE)	Boswell	Christensen
Barrett (WI)	Boucher	Clay
Bartlett	Boyd	Clayton
Barton	Brady	Clement
Bass	Brown (CA)	Clyburn
Bateman	Brown (OH)	Coburn
Becerra	Bryant	Collins
Bentsen	Bunning	Combest
Bereuter	Burr	Condit