

Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (MI)	Tierney	Baker	Ehrlich	LaHood	Regula	Sherman	Thune
Rothman	Smith (NJ)	Toomey	Baldacci	Emerson	Lampson	Reyes	Sherwood	Thurman
Roybal-Allard	Smith (TX)	Trafficant	Baldwin	Engel	Lantos	Reynolds	Shimkus	Tierney
Royce	Smith (WA)	Turner	Ballenger	English	Larson	Riley	Shows	Toomey
Rush	Snyder	Udall (CO)	Barrera	Eshoo	Latham	Rivers	Sisisky	Towns
Ryan (WI)	Souder	Udall (NM)	Barr	Etheridge	LaTourette	Rodriguez	Skeen	Trafficant
Ryun (KS)	Spence	Upton	Barrett (NE)	Evans	Lazio	Roemer	Skelton	Turner
Sabo	Spratt	Velazquez	Barrett (WI)	Everett	Leach	Rogan	Smith (MI)	Udall (CO)
Salmon	Stabenow	Vento	Bartlett	Ewing	Lee	Rogers	Smith (NJ)	Udall (NM)
Sanchez	Stark	Visclosky	Barton	Farr	Levin	Rohrabacher	Smith (TX)	Upton
Sanders	Stearns	Walden	Bass	Filner	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (WA)	Velazquez
Sandlin	Stenholm	Walsh	Bateman	Fletcher	Lewis (GA)	Rothman	Souder	Vento
Sawyer	Strickland	Wamp	Becerra	Foley	Lewis (KY)	Roukema	Spence	Visclosky
Saxton	Stump	Watt (NC)	Bentsen	Forbes	Linder	Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Walden
Scarborough	Stupak	Waxman	Bereuter	Ford	Lipinski	Royce	Stabenow	Walsh
Schaffer	Sununu	Weiner	Berkley	Fossella	LoBiondo	Rush	Stark	Wamp
Schakowsky	Sweeney	Weldon (FL)	Berry	Fowler	Lofgren	Ryan (WI)	Stearns	Waters
Sensenbrenner	Talent	Weldon (PA)	Biggert	Frank (MA)	Lowe	Ryun (KS)	Stenholm	Watt (NC)
Serrano	Tancredo	Weller	Bilbray	Franks (NJ)	Lucas (KY)	Sabo	Strickland	Waxman
Sessions	Tanner	Wexler	Bilirakis	Frelinghuysen	Luther	Sanchez	Stump	Weiner
Shadegg	Tauscher	Weygand	Bishop	Frost	Maloney (CT)	Sanders	Stupak	Weldon (FL)
Shaw	Tauzin	Whitfield	Blagojevich	Galleghy	Maloney (NY)	Sandlin	Sununu	Weldon (PA)
Shays	Taylor (MS)	Wicker	Biley	Ganske	Manzullo	Sanford	Sweeney	Weller
Sherman	Taylor (NC)	Wilson	Blumenauer	Gejdenson	Markey	Sawyer	Talent	Wexler
Sherwood	Terry	Wise	Blunt	Gekas	Martinez	Saxton	Tancredo	Weygand
Shimkus	Thomas	Wolf	Boehler	Gephardt	Mascara	Scarborough	Tanner	Whitfield
Shows	Thompson (CA)	Woolsey	Boehner	Gibbons	Matsui	Schaffer	Tauscher	Wicker
Sisisky	Thornberry	Wu	Bonilla	Gilchrest	McCarthy (MO)	Schakowsky	Tauzin	Wilson
Skeen	Thune	Young (AK)	Bonior	Gillmor	McCarthy (NY)	Scott	Taylor (MS)	Wise
Skelton	Thurman	Young (FL)	Bono	Gilman	McCollum	Sensenbrenner	Taylor (NC)	Wolf

## NAYS—13

Clay	Obey	Thompson (MS)
Clyburn	Paul	Towns
Conyers	Payne	Waters
Hilliard	Sanford	
Nadler	Scott	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—4

Becerra	Martinez
Clayton	Owens

## NOT VOTING—19

Berman	Johnson (CT)	Slaughter
Brown (CA)	Largent	Tiahrt
Carson	Lucas (OK)	Watkins
Dingell	McCrery	Watts (OK)
Fattah	Roukema	Wynn
Houghton	Shuster	
Istook	Simpson	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE IN SUPPORT OF AMERICA'S TEACHERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, House Resolution 157.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 157, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 1, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 107]

## YEAS—408

Abercrombie	Allen	Armye
Ackerman	Andrews	Bachus
Aderholt	Archer	Baird

Baker	Baker	Baker
Baldacci	Baldacci	Baldacci
Baldwin	Baldwin	Baldwin
Ballenger	Ballenger	Ballenger
Barrera	Barrera	Barrera
Barr	Barr	Barr
Barrett (NE)	Barrett (NE)	Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)	Barrett (WI)	Barrett (WI)
Bartlett	Bartlett	Bartlett
Barton	Barton	Barton
Bass	Bass	Bass
Bateman	Bateman	Bateman
Becerra	Becerra	Becerra
Bentsen	Bentsen	Bentsen
Bereuter	Bereuter	Bereuter
Berkley	Berkley	Berkley
Berry	Berry	Berry
Biggert	Biggert	Biggert
Bilbray	Bilbray	Bilbray
Bilirakis	Bilirakis	Bilirakis
Bishop	Bishop	Bishop
Blagojevich	Blagojevich	Blagojevich
Biley	Biley	Biley
Blumenauer	Blumenauer	Blumenauer
Blunt	Blunt	Blunt
Boehler	Boehler	Boehler
Boehner	Boehner	Boehner
Bonilla	Bonilla	Bonilla
Bonior	Bonior	Bonior
Bono	Bono	Bono
Borski	Borski	Borski
Boswell	Boswell	Boswell
Boucher	Boucher	Boucher
Boyd	Boyd	Boyd
Brady (PA)	Brady (PA)	Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)	Brady (TX)	Brady (TX)
Brown (FL)	Brown (FL)	Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)	Brown (OH)	Brown (OH)
Bryant	Bryant	Bryant
Burr	Burr	Burr
Burton	Burton	Burton
Callahan	Callahan	Callahan
Calvert	Calvert	Calvert
Camp	Camp	Camp
Campbell	Campbell	Campbell
Canady	Canady	Canady
Cannon	Cannon	Cannon
Capps	Capps	Capps
Capuano	Capuano	Capuano
Cardin	Cardin	Cardin
Castle	Castle	Castle
Chabot	Chabot	Chabot
Chambliss	Chambliss	Chambliss
Chenoweth	Chenoweth	Chenoweth
Clay	Clay	Clay
Clayton	Clayton	Clayton
Clement	Clement	Clement
Clyburn	Clyburn	Clyburn
Coble	Coble	Coble
Coburn	Coburn	Coburn
Collins	Collins	Collins
Combest	Combest	Combest
Condit	Condit	Condit
Conyers	Conyers	Conyers
Cook	Cook	Cook
Cooksey	Cooksey	Cooksey
Costello	Costello	Costello
Coyne	Coyne	Coyne
Cramer	Cramer	Cramer
Crane	Crane	Crane
Crowley	Crowley	Crowley
Cubin	Cubin	Cubin
Cummings	Cummings	Cummings
Cunningham	Cunningham	Cunningham
Danner	Danner	Danner
Davis (FL)	Davis (FL)	Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)	Davis (IL)	Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)	Davis (VA)	Davis (VA)
Deal	Deal	Deal
DeFazio	DeFazio	DeFazio
DeGette	DeGette	DeGette
Delahunt	Delahunt	Delahunt
DeLauro	DeLauro	DeLauro
DeLay	DeLay	DeLay
DeMint	DeMint	DeMint
Deutsch	Deutsch	Deutsch
Dickey	Dickey	Dickey
Dicks	Dicks	Dicks
Dixon	Dixon	Dixon
Doggett	Doggett	Doggett
Dooley	Dooley	Dooley
Doolittle	Doolittle	Doolittle
Doyle	Doyle	Doyle
Dreier	Dreier	Dreier
Duncan	Duncan	Duncan
Dunn	Dunn	Dunn
Edwards	Edwards	Edwards
Ehlers	Ehlers	Ehlers

Ehrlich	Ehrlich	Ehrlich
Emerson	Emerson	Emerson
Engel	Engel	Engel
English	English	English
Eshoo	Eshoo	Eshoo
Etheridge	Etheridge	Etheridge
Evans	Evans	Evans
Everett	Everett	Everett
Ewing	Ewing	Ewing
Farr	Farr	Farr
Filner	Filner	Filner
Fletcher	Fletcher	Fletcher
Foley	Foley	Foley
Forbes	Forbes	Forbes
Ford	Ford	Ford
Fossella	Fossella	Fossella
Fowler	Fowler	Fowler
Frank (MA)	Frank (MA)	Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)	Franks (NJ)	Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen	Frelinghuysen	Frelinghuysen
Frost	Frost	Frost
Galleghy	Galleghy	Galleghy
Ganske	Ganske	Ganske
Gejdenson	Gejdenson	Gejdenson
Gekas	Gekas	Gekas
Gephardt	Gephardt	Gephardt
Gibbons	Gibbons	Gibbons
Gilchrest	Gilchrest	Gilchrest
Gillmor	Gillmor	Gillmor
Gilman	Gilman	Gilman
Gonzalez	Gonzalez	Gonzalez
Goode	Goode	Goode
Goodlatte	Goodlatte	Goodlatte
Goodling	Goodling	Goodling
Gordon	Gordon	Gordon
Goss	Goss	Goss
Graham	Graham	Graham
Granger	Granger	Granger
Green (TX)	Green (TX)	Green (TX)
Green (WI)	Green (WI)	Green (WI)
Greenwood	Greenwood	Greenwood
Gutierrez	Gutierrez	Gutierrez
Gutknecht	Gutknecht	Gutknecht
Hall (OH)	Hall (OH)	Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)	Hall (TX)	Hall (TX)
Hansen	Hansen	Hansen
Hastings (FL)	Hastings (FL)	Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)	Hastings (WA)	Hastings (WA)
Hayes	Hayes	Hayes
Hayworth	Hayworth	Hayworth
Hefley	Hefley	Hefley
Henger	Henger	Henger
Hill (IN)	Hill (IN)	Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)	Hill (MT)	Hill (MT)
Hilleary	Hilleary	Hilleary
Hilliard	Hilliard	Hilliard
Hinchey	Hinchey	Hinchey
Hinojosa	Hinojosa	Hinojosa
Hobson	Hobson	Hobson
Hoeffel	Hoeffel	Hoeffel
Hoekstra	Hoekstra	Hoekstra
Holden	Holden	Holden
Holt	Holt	Holt
Hooley	Hooley	Hooley
Horn	Horn	Horn
Hostettler	Hostettler	Hostettler
Hoyer	Hoyer	Hoyer
Hulshof	Hulshof	Hulshof
Hunter	Hunter	Hunter
Hutchinson	Hutchinson	Hutchinson
Hyde	Hyde	Hyde
Inslee	Inslee	Inslee
Isakson	Isakson	Isakson
Jackson (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee	Jackson-Lee	Jackson-Lee
(TX)	(TX)	(TX)
Jefferson	Jefferson	Jefferson
John	John	John
Johnson, E. B.	Johnson, E. B.	Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam	Johnson, Sam	Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)	Jones (NC)	Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)	Jones (OH)	Jones (OH)
Kanjorski	Kanjorski	Kanjorski
Kaptur	Kaptur	Kaptur
Kasich	Kasich	Kasich
Kelly	Kelly	Kelly
Kennedy	Kennedy	Kennedy
Kildee	Kildee	Kildee
Kilpatrick	Kilpatrick	Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)	Kind (WI)	Kind (WI)
King (NY)	King (NY)	King (NY)
Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Klecza	Klecza	Klecza
Klink	Klink	Klink
Knollenberg	Knollenberg	Knollenberg
Kolbe	Kolbe	Kolbe
Kucinich	Kucinich	Kucinich
Kuykendall	Kuykendall	Kuykendall
LaFalce	LaFalce	LaFalce

LaHood	LaHood	LaHood
Lampson	Lampson	Lampson
Lantos	Lantos	Lantos
Larson	Larson	Larson
Latham	Latham	Latham
LaTourette	LaTourette	LaTourette
Lazio	Lazio	Lazio
Leach	Leach	Leach
Lee	Lee	Lee
Levin	Levin	Levin
Lewis (CA)	Lewis (CA)	Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)	Lewis (GA)	Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)	Lewis (KY)	Lewis (KY)
Linder	Linder	Linder
Lipinski	Lipinski	Lipinski
LoBiondo	LoBiondo	LoBiondo
Lofgren	Lofgren	Lofgren
Lowe	Lowe	Lowe
Lucas (KY)	Lucas (KY)	Lucas (KY)
Luther	Luther	Luther
Maloney (CT)	Maloney (CT)	Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)	Maloney (NY)	Maloney (NY)
Manzullo	Manzullo	Manzullo
Markey	Markey	Markey
Martinez	Martinez	Martinez
Mascara	Mascara	Mascara
Matsui	Matsui	Matsui
McCarthy (MO)	McCarthy (MO)	McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)	McCarthy (NY)	McCarthy (NY)
McCollum	McCollum	McCollum
McDermott	McDermott	McDermott
McGovern	McGovern	McGovern
McHugh	McHugh	McHugh
McInnis	McInnis	McInnis
McIntosh	McIntosh	McIntosh
McIntyre	McIntyre	McIntyre
McKeon	McKeon	McKeon
McKinney	McKinney	McKinney
McNulty	McNulty	McNulty
Meehan	Meehan	Meehan
Meek (FL)	Meek (FL)	Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)	Meeks (NY)	Meeks (NY)
Menendez	Menendez	Menendez
Metcalfe	Metcalfe	Metcalfe
Millender	Millender	Millender
McDonald	McDonald	McDonald
Miller (FL)	Miller (FL)	Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary	Miller, Gary	Miller, Gary
Miller, George	Miller, George	Miller, George
Minge	Minge	Minge
Mink	Mink	Mink
Moakley	Moakley	Moakley
Mollohan	Mollohan	Mollohan
Moore	Moore	Moore
Moran (KS)	Moran (KS)	Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)	Moran (VA)	Moran (VA)
Morella	Morella	Morella
Murtha	Murtha	Murtha
Nadler	Nadler	Nadler
Napolitano	Napolitano	Napolitano
Neal	Neal	Neal
Nethercutt	Nethercutt	Nethercutt
Ney	Ney	Ney
Northup	Northup	Northup
Norwood	Norwood	Norwood
Nussle	Nussle	Nussle
Oberstar	Oberstar	Oberstar
Obey	Obey	Obey
Olver	Olver	Olver
Ortiz	Ortiz	Ortiz
Ose	Ose	Ose
Owens	Owens	Owens
Oxley	Oxley	Oxley
Packard	Packard	Packard
Pallone	Pallone	Pallone
Pascarell	Pascarell	Pascarell
Pastor	Pastor	Pastor
Paul	Paul	Paul
Payne	Payne	Payne
Pease	Pease	Pease
Pelosi	Pelosi	Pelosi
Peterson (MN)	Peterson (MN)	Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)	Peterson (PA)	Peterson (PA)
Petri	Petri	Petri
Phelps	Phelps	Phelps
Pickering	Pickering	Pickering
Pickett	Pickett	Pickett
Pitts	Pitts	Pitts
Pombo	Pombo	Pombo
Pomeroy	Pomeroy	Pomeroy
Porter	Porter	Porter
Portman	Portman	Portman
Price (NC)	Price (NC)	Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)	Pryce (OH)	Pryce (OH)
Quinn	Quinn	Quinn
Radanovich	Radanovich	Radanovich
Rahall	Rahall	Rahall
Ramstad	Ramstad	Ramstad
Rangel	Rangel	Rangel

Regula	Regula	Regula
Reyes	Reyes	Reyes
Reynolds	Reynolds	Reynolds
Riley	Riley	Riley
Rivers	Rivers	Rivers
Rodriguez	Rodriguez	Rodriguez
Roemer	Roemer	Roemer
Rogan	Rogan	Rogan
Rogers	Rogers	Rogers
Rohrabacher	Rohrabacher	Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen	Ros-Lehtinen	Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman	Rothman	Rothman
Roukema	Roukema	Roukema
Roybal-Allard	Roybal-Allard	Roybal-Allard
Royce	Royce	Royce
Rush	Rush	Rush
Ryan (WI)	Ryan (WI)	Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)	Ryun (KS)	Ryun (KS)
Sabo	Sabo	Sabo
Sanchez	Sanchez	Sanchez
Sanders	Sanders	Sanders
Sandlin	Sandlin	Sandlin
Sanford	Sanford	Sanford
Sawyer	Sawyer	Sawyer
Saxton	Saxton	Saxton
Scarborough	Scarborough	Scarborough
Schaffer	Schaffer</	

which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBLE). Pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXI all points of order against provisions of the bill are reserved.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER  
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1598

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 1598.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER  
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 732

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 732.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on the remaining motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken tomorrow.

EXTENDING DEADLINE UNDER  
FEDERAL POWER ACT FOR MT.  
HOPE WATERPOWER PROJECT

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 459) to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 459

*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 FERC PROJECT.**

Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, upon the request of the licensee for FERC Project No. 9401 (and after reasonable notice), is authorized, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of such section 13 and the Commission's procedures under such section, to extend the time required for commencement of construction of such project until August 3, 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 459.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 5 minutes.

(Mr. BARTON of Texas asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 459 extends the construction period for a hydroelectric project in the State of New Jersey. Under section 13 of the Federal Power Act, project construction must begin within 4 years of issuance of the license. If construction is not begun by that time, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission cannot extend the deadline and must terminate the license.

H.R. 459 grants the project developer until August 3, 2002, to commence construction if it pursues the commencement of construction in good faith and with due diligence.

These types of bills have not been controversial in the past. The bill does not change the license requirement in any way. It does not change environmental standards but merely extends the construction deadline.

There is a need to act, Mr. Speaker, since the construction deadline for the Mt. Hope Pumped Storage Project expires in August of this year. If Congress does not act, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will terminate the license, the project sponsor will lose \$28 million that they have already invested in the project, and the local community will lose the prospect of significant job creation and added revenues. Construction of the Mt. Hope project will create 1,300 jobs during construction and generate \$254 million for the local economy. If the Congress does not act, the local community will lose these jobs and these revenues.

These extension bills have not proved controversial in the past. H.R. 459 was approved by the Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the Committee on Commerce by unanimous voice vote. The bill was introduced jointly by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE).

I support H.R. 459, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I will be brief, Mr. Speaker. I thank the chairman of the committee; and I want to congratulate my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN), for his very hard and successful bipartisan work on this bill.

He has worked closely with the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANK PALLONE), who is an active member of our subcommittee, as well as the original cosponsor of this legislation. These two men together have done such an excellent job of building bipartisan support that, as the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) has pointed out, it was reported out unanimously by both the Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the full Committee on Commerce.

I know of no objection to this project; and I am, therefore, pleased to add our support to the legislation that would authorize FERC to extend the license for the Mt. Hope hydroelectric project for an additional 2 years.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time; and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN), one of the original cosponsors whose district the project is located in.

(Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time; and I rise in strong support of H.R. 459, legislation I introduced earlier this year to extend the FERC license for the Mt. Hope hydroelectric project by a period of 3 years.

First, let me thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power, and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BLILEY), chairman of the full Committee on Commerce, as well as the ranking member of the subcommittee, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL), and my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANK PALLONE), for moving so expeditiously on this bill.

Mt. Hope received its original FERC license in August of 1992. The license has been extended for 2 years by FERC and once by Congress in 1995. H.R. 459 would simply ensure that there is additional time for Mt. Hope to secure the energy supply contracts to begin the construction of the proposed facility.

This project is an advanced pumped-storage hydroelectric plant located in my district, Morris County, New Jersey. Far from a conventional hydro plant, this facility will be a closed cycle system in which water will be continuously circulated between two man-made reservoirs.

The project has the strong support of local government officials and organizations where the project will be built, namely the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and the Sierra Club of New Jersey. This \$2 billion project will be financed entirely by the private sector with no taxpayers' dollars used for its construction.

As the chairman has mentioned, the project will bring approximately 1,300