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A 1997 General Accounting Office review was even more blunt. It projected \$90 million in annual reductions in operating expenses just to bridge the gap. The GAO was alarmed by the sheer size of the gap and the dwindling number of available efficiency-related options.

Well, where I am from, a marine distress call is an urgent plea for emergency law enforcement and rescue personnel. When oil spills jeopardize economic as well as environmental resources, when frozen rivers trap heating oil barges, when the well-being of both fish and fishermen are threatened, when offshore danger strikes, we know where to turn, to the United States Coast Guard.

That is why when the ink dried on the House Department of Transportation appropriation, there was reason for new and genuine hope. It was like having Pedro Martinez in the starting rotation, it felt like this really could be the year.

Well, the bill approved recently for next year increases Coast Guard accounts by nearly \$600 million, a 15-percent boost. It also includes \$125 million to help modernize aging planes, helicopters, and motor lifeboats and upgrade rather than abandon Coast Guard stations in the communities that they serve.

Years from now, the 395 Members of this House who voted for that bill can look back and take satisfaction from the knowledge that they helped save a life, a coastal community, an international alliance, and maybe even a marine species or two. But that old curse still hovers over the Coast Guard, the curse of the "can do."

Just this week, the Senate came in at \$250 million less than the House appropriation. The timing could not be worse. The Senate action followed two recent rounds of Coast Guard cutbacks for the current fiscal year, reducing cutter days and flight hours by 10 percent.

I wonder if the men on the fishing vessel that are being rescued in this picture to my right would approve of a 10-percent reduction, meaning a slower response time. I ask my colleagues and the American people to reflect on this photo and the reduction that I just mentioned.

Why? Because the Coast Guard responded to natural disasters but the Congress failed to pass emergency supplemental funding and because a variety of overdue personnel benefits for everything from housing to health care were mandated by the current defense authorization but with no money to pay for those increased costs.

There is more. The good news is a new effort through the pending military construction bill to restore \$800 million in supplemental funds. But since only a third of that is designated as emergency expenses, the baseline for future Coast Guard budgets next year and beyond would be seriously compromised.

So I rise today to express gratitude for the progress made in this chamber so far but also to raise a warning flag about the two challenges immediately ahead.

Specifically, I urge my colleagues to hold firm in conference on the House approved allocation in the transportation appropriation bill and then to recede to Senate conferees regarding the \$800 million in the MILCON measure. That is what it will take for the Coast Guard to do the job we have assigned to it, to contain oil spills, to catch smugglers, and, most important of all, to save lives.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 12:00 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. POMEROY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and June 26 on account of official business in the district.

Mr. CANADY of Florida (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McDERMOTT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TIAHRT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, June 28.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHAFFER, for 5 minutes, June 28.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until Monday, June 26, 2000, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8323. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, PACA Branch, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act: Recognizing Limited Liability Companies [Docket No. FV99-361] received May 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8324. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 00-004-2] received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8325. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Increase in Compensation Rate for Handlers' Services Performed Regarding Reserve Raisins [Docket No. FV00-989-2 FR] received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8326. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting a draft bill, "to provide a safety net to protect agricultural producers from short-term market and production fluctuations, to encourage conservation practices, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

8327. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule—Transfer and Repurchase of Government Securities [No. 2000-43] (RIN: 1550-AB38) received May 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8328. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Labor Organization Annual Financial Reports (RIN: 1215-AB29) received April 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

8329. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revocation of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Chemical Substances [OPPTS-50637A; FRL-6555-8] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received May 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8330. A letter from the General Counsel, Electric Rates and Corporate Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Designation of Electric Rate Schedule Sheets [Docket No. RM99-12-000; Order No. 614]—received May 2, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8331. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Use of Electronic Media (RIN: 3235-AG84) received April 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8332. A letter from the Director, Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Full Consideration of Displaced Defense Employees (RIN: 3206-AF36) received April 24, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

8333. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Implementation of Public Law 105-33, Section 9302, Relating to the Imposition of Permit Relating to the Imposition of Permit Requirements on the Manufacturer of Roll-Your-Own Tobacco (98R-370P) [T.D. ATF-424] (RIN: 1512-AB92) received April 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8334. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Market Segment Specialization Program Audit Techniques Guide—Child Care Providers—received May 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8335. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Market Segment Specialization Program Audit Techniques Guide—Garden Supplies—received May 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8336. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Estate of Smith v. Commissioner—received May 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8337. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Market Segment Specialization Program Audit Techniques Guide—Alternative Minimum Tax for Individuals—received May 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8338. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Guidance Under Section 1032 Relating to the Treatment of a Disposition by an Acquiring Entity of the Stock of a Corporation in a Taxable Transaction [TD 8883] (RIN: 1545-AW53) received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8339. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Diane Fernandez v. Commissioner—received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8340. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Magnetic Media/Electronic Filing Program for Form 1040NR [REV. Proc. 2000-24] received May 15, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8341. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Osteopathic Medical Oncology—received May 4, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Texas: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 4227. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to

the number of aliens granted nonimmigrant status described in section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to implement measures to prevent fraud and abuse in the granting of such status, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-692). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. PACKARD: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 4733. A bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-693). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 3906. A bill to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; with an amendment (Rept. 106-696, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Commerce discharged. H.R. 3125 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, Committee on Science discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3906.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 5 of rule X, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 4446. A bill to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health; referred to the Committee on Armed Services for a period ending not later than July 21, 2000, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(c), rule X (Rept. 106-694, Pt. 1).

Mr. BLILEY: Committee on Commerce. H.R. 3383. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions, with amendments; referred to the Committee on Armed Services for a period ending not later than July 21, 2000, for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(c), rule X (Rept. 106-695, Pt. 1).

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 3906. Referral to the Committee on Science and extended for a period ending not later than June 23, 2000.

H.R. 3906. Referral to the Committee on Armed Services extended for a period ending not later than July 12, 2000.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MATSUI (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. ABERCROMBIE):

H.R. 4729. A bill to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip laboratory, administrative, and support space to house base operations for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array located on Mauna Kea at Hilo, Hawaii; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BISHOP (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MCKINNEY, and Mr. COLLINS):

H.R. 4730. A bill to provide for Federal recognition of the Lower Muscogee-Creek Indian Tribe of Georgia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 4731. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide that it is not contrary to the foreign policy interest of the United States to bring an antitrust lawsuit asserting the manipulation of energy supplies or prices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 4732. A bill to require certain actions with respect to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) or any other cartel engaged in oil price fixing, production cutbacks, or other market-distorting practices; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PACKARD:

H.R. 4733. A bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 4734. A bill to establish a National Center for Military Deployment Health Research to provide an independent means for the conduct and coordination of research into issues relating to the deployment of members of the Armed Forces overseas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BECERRA (for himself, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. WU, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. FROST, Mr. BACA, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. STARK, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. REYES, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. LEE, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. GONZALEZ):

H.R. 4735. A bill to allow certain individuals of Japanese ancestry who were brought forcibly to the United States from countries in Latin America during World War II and were interned in the United States to be provided restitution under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.