

thank him for his support of this legislation.

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

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

I thank the gentleman not only for his kind remarks but also for his very thoughtful summation. In his ever-judicious manner, he has summed up the issue before us and stated the case so well. I not only urge unanimous approval of the legislation in this body, but I also urge the other body to move expeditiously on this legislation.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The Chair would remind all Members that they should refrain from urging the Senate to take a specific action.

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Great Lakes Legacy Act, H.R. 1070.

I would like to commend my colleague and friend from Michigan, Congressman VERN EHLERS for crafting this important legislation and for his diligence in gathering the appropriate support. As a cosponsor of the Great Lakes Legacy Act, I am extremely pleased that the Great Lakes region is one step closer to cleaning up toxic hot spots that lurk under the world's largest freshwater system.

While globally there are 42 Areas of Concern (AOC), that is, areas that suffer from severe sediment contamination, 26 are located in the United States, and in my state of Michigan there are 14 designated AOCs. Contamination levels in these areas threaten human health, contribute to the loss of fish and wildlife habitat, restrict critical dredging activities, and lead to numerous beach closings. AOCs are among Michigan's most demanding environmental challenge.

Like other environmental clean-up programs, full remediation of Great Lakes AOCs continues to be bogged down by a burdensome web of complex regulations, lack of necessary funding, and insufficient progress of research and development into new technologies. Recognizing these obstacles, the legislation we are considering today aims to solve the problems that plague successful clean-up efforts.

In short, H.R. 1070 addresses the most costly and technical hurdles that face these hazardous hot spots. More specifically, this legislation authorizes funding for States, Indian tribes, regional agencies, and local governments for projects in AOCs to monitor or evaluate contaminated sediment and remediate contaminated sediments. It also targets funding for research and development of new technologies that aim to clean toxic sediments in the Great Lakes basin.

My support for this legislation goes beyond my co-sponsorship of the measure. In March I introduced a resolution, House Resolution 361. H.Res. 361 calls on the House of Representatives to take swift action in helping to restore and protect Michigan's Great Lakes, the state's most precious natural resource. My bill highlights the environmental problems associated with AOCs and includes the goals set forth in the Great Lakes Legacy Act. In my view, the work done by my colleague from

Michigan on this subject is too important for the Congress to let slip. My resolution affirms the importance of passing H.R. 1070 in an expeditious manner equal to its relevance for helping clean the world's largest source of freshwater.

Let me make this point clear, the environmental problems that are caused by AOCs are not just a Michigan issue. Although most Areas of Concern in the United States are concentrated in Michigan, it is a national and international problem. Its risks for human health, aquatic populations, ecological habitats and wildlife are serious and impact states beyond Michigan. Therefore, it would be unwise for the Congress to ignore this issue or delay its consideration any further.

Mr. Speaker, again, I am pleased to lend my full support for the Great Lakes Legacy Act and urge my colleagues to do the same. With that Mr. Speaker, I yield back the floor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1070, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out projects and conduct research for remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern in the Great Lakes, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1070.

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

There was no objection.

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#### JOSEPH CURSEEN, JR. AND THOMAS MORRIS, JR. PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3287) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, in Washington, D.C., as the "Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3287

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. JOSEPH CURSEEN, JR. AND THOMAS MORRIS, JR. PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900

Brentwood Road, NE, in Washington, D.C., and known as the Brentwood Processing and Distribution Center, shall be known and designated as the "Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MORELLA. 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. 3287, the bill presently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3287, introduced by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), our distinguished colleague, designates the Brentwood Processing and Distribution Center in Washington, D.C., as the Joseph Curseen, Jr., and Thomas Morris, Jr., Processing and Distribution Center. I am very proud to have my name as a cosponsor and original sponsor of this bill also.

Mr. Speaker, today we honor two public servants who died in the line of duty. Thomas Morris and Joseph Curseen did not know when they reported to the Brentwood Processing and Distribution Center last October that they were on the front lines of the war against terrorism. But they were struck down by anthrax which infected the facility when an anonymous terrorist sent envelopes containing spores to Washington.

Both had distinguished careers at the Brentwood Road facility. Curseen began his career with the postal service in 1985 as a letter-sorting machine operator. Morris, an Air Force veteran, began work at the facility in 1973. Both men were born and raised in Washington, D.C., and their deaths shocked the Washington area, the postal community, and the entire Nation. It is fitting to name the building where they served their country after these two distinguished public servants. And so, Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of H.R. 3287.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as we approach the 1-year period following the attacks on our country, I rise to support a bill of special significance to honor two native sons of the District of Columbia