

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, as we return and we begin session once again, I want to rise and express my appreciation for this country and for this institution.

We all have experienced elections. What is interesting is that throughout the Nation, the elections have been remarkably close in many cases. I am proud of that, because I would not want to live in a country where we have a dictator that gets 99 percent of the vote in a rigged election. We are in a country where we present our ideas and ourselves to the country and to its people, and those people, on the basis of what we say and what we do, elect us. That is precisely the way the system is supposed to work. That is what the founders of this Nation wanted, and that is what they put in place 225 years ago.

In addition to that, yesterday we celebrated Veteran's Day and recognized all those who have given the supreme sacrifice and those who have sacrificed parts of their lives to the service of this country. Once again, a date to remember, a date in which we honor people in our country.

I am so proud to be an American. I am so very, very proud of our country, and I am delighted to be an American.

#### A TRIBUTE OF GRATITUDE TO COLONEL PETE "CLARK" BUNCE

(Mr. HANSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day after Veterans Day to salute one of the many brave men and women who serve all of us in our great military. I rise today to pay tribute to and offer my personal thanks to Colonel Pete "Clark" Bunce, United States Air Force, for a job well done.

Many of us know Colonel Bunce who, for the past 2 years, has led the House Office of Legislative Liaison for the Air Force. I have had the pleasure of traveling with Pete on several occasions, and each time his professionalism and personal attention to detail were the keys to a smooth and successful CODEL.

Before coming to the Hill, Colonel Bunce was an accomplished leader and command pilot with over 3,000 hours in F-15 and A-10 fighter aircraft. He has commanded at the squadron and group levels and served overseas in Germany and Southeast Asia.

While I have relied upon Colonel Bunce's military advice, I have valued Pete's friendship even more. Pete, Mrs. Hansen and I, and I know many of my colleagues here, wish you the very best of luck in whatever your future holds, and thank you for your service to our great Nation.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of

rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on 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.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

#### NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3389), an Act to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002".*

##### SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO FINDINGS.

*Section 202(a)(6) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)(6)) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting ", including strong collaborations between Administration scientists and scientists at academic institutions."*

##### SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

*(a) QUADRENNIAL STRATEGIC PLAN.—Section 204(c)(1) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(1)) is amended to read as follows:*

*"(1) The Secretary, in consultation with the panel, sea grant colleges, and sea grant institutes, shall develop at least every 4 years a strategic plan that establishes priorities for the national sea grant college program, provides an appropriately balanced response to local, regional, and national needs, and is reflective of integration with the relevant portions of the strategic plans of the Department of Commerce and of the Administration."*

##### *(b) PROGRAM EVALUATION AND RATING.—*

*(1) EVALUATION AND RATING REQUIREMENT.—Section 204(d)(3)(A) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)(A)) is amended to read as follows:*

*"(A)(i) evaluate the performance of the programs of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes, using the priorities, guidelines, and qualifications established by the Secretary under subsection (c), and determine which of the programs are the best managed and carry out the highest quality research, education, extension, and training activities; and*

*"(ii) rate the programs according to their relative performance (as determined under clause (i)) into no less than 5 categories, with each of the 2 best-performing categories containing no more than 25 percent of the programs;"*

*(2) REVIEW OF EVALUATION AND RATING PROCESS.—(A) After 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall contract with the National Academy of Sciences—*

*(i) to review the effectiveness of the evaluation and rating system under the amendment made by paragraph (1) in determining the relative performance of programs of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes;*

*(ii) to evaluate whether the sea grant programs have improved as a result of the evaluation process; and*

*(iii) to make appropriate recommendations to improve the overall effectiveness of the evaluation process.*

*(B) The National Academy of Sciences shall submit a report to the Congress on the findings and recommendations of the panel under subparagraph (A) by not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*(c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—Section 204(d)(3)(B) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)(B)) is amended by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of clause (ii) and by adding at the end the following:*

*"(iv) encourage and promote coordination and cooperation between the research, education, and outreach programs of the Administration and those of academic institutions; and"*

##### SEC. 4. COST SHARE.

*Section 205(a) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1124(a)) is amended by striking "section 204(d)(6)" and inserting "section 204(c)(4)(F)".*

##### SEC. 5. FELLOWSHIPS.

*(a) ENSURING EQUAL ACCESS.—Section 208(a) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "The Secretary shall strive to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection. Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress describing the efforts by the Secretary to ensure equal access for minority and economically disadvantaged students to the program carried out under this subsection, and the results of such efforts."*

*(b) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS.—Section 208(c) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1127(c)) is repealed.*

##### SEC. 6. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR SEA GRANT REVIEW PANEL.

*Section 209(c)(2) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1128(c)(2)) is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: "The term of office of a voting member of the panel shall be 3 years for a member appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002, and 4 years for a member appointed or reappointed after the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002. The Director may extend the term of office of a voting member of the panel appointed before the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002 by up to 1 year."*

##### SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

*Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of section 212 of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1131) are amended to read as follows:*

##### *"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this title—*

*"(A) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;*

*"(B) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;*

*"(C) \$77,500,000 for fiscal year 2005;*

*"(D) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;*

*"(E) \$82,500,000 for fiscal year 2007; and*

*"(F) \$85,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.*

*"(2) PRIORITY ACTIVITIES.—In addition to the amounts authorized under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2008—*

*"(A) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on the biology and control of zebra mussels and other important aquatic non-native species;*

*"(B) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on oyster diseases, oyster restoration, and oyster-related human health risks;*

*"(C) \$5,000,000 for competitive grants for university research on the biology, prevention, and forecasting of harmful algal blooms, including *Pfiesteria piscicida*; and*

*"(D) \$3,000,000 for competitive grants for fishery extension activities conducted by sea grant*