

strips local government of the right to have a say in whether or not we site facilities of this type within areas. This is an effort on our part to assert some local control. Every elected official on both sides of the aisle that has responsibility for this region opposes this facility, as does the vast majority of the population.

With that, I would like to yield the balance of my time to my friend from Connecticut, Congresswoman
DELAURO.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Connecticut is recognized for 1 minute.

Ms. DELAURO. I thank the gentleman and applaud his leadership.

Remote areas, 11 miles off the coast of Connecticut, 9 miles off the coast of New York. The LNG Broadwater facility, actually, the proposal, is a vessel roughly the size of the Queen Mary. One week after passing the interior bill which dedicated \$1.8 million to cleaning up the Long Island Sound, we are now going to place this vessel in the Long Island Sound. Also, a 25-mile pipeline through the middle of what is prime ground for lobstering and for fishing. Further, the entrance to the sound might need to be temporarily closed when the LNG shipments arrive every few days, disrupting all other commerce that uses that passage.

We are going to ask the Coast Guard to enforce the zone. They are already stretched thin, but they are going to have to patrol the LNG site, which will pose a new security risk.

I will conclude by saying to you that we voted to protect the Long Island Sound and, without this amendment, who knows what other estuaries of national significance will be at risk of becoming our next industrial zone.

Support the Bishop amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from New York has expired.

Mr. HOBSON. May I inquire how much time I have remaining?

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Ohio has 3 minutes remaining.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) for his nice comments, but, unfortunately, I have to oppose his amendment at this time.

This amendment, the problem that I have, and I understand your concern, but this would preclude FERC from going forward with its review of the Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas project on Long Island. This proposed project is the only floating storage and regasification unit that is pending before the commission. This amendment undoes the Natural Gas Act for orderly review and decision-making process for energy infrastructure and limits energy development efforts. Further, the amendment restricts the ability of any company to use a fairly novel technological approach to siting LNG away from populated areas.

I understand that 9 miles to you is not very far and 11 miles is not far to you. But I think that is what we have this system for, is to allow the system to be fairly looked at and make a determination if they agree. Frankly, all FERC authorizations are still subject to judicial review.

I understand the concerns that people have here. There is always the NIMB effect in everything as we look around, and I understand that. But I think the best course of action is allow FERC to consider the application and consider public comments, issue the orders that are best in the public interest, and if people disagree with that, there are still courses open to them. But to start this sort of process in this bill, I think, is inappropriate.

I would have to oppose the amendment at this time.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP).

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

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York will be postponed.

Mr. HOBSON. 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. LATHAM) having assumed the chair, Mr. MCHUGH, Acting 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. 5427) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5037. An act to amend title's 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5429, AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY AND GOOD JOBS ACT

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-480) on the resolution (H. Res. 835) providing for

consideration of the bill (H.R. 5429) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain of Alaska, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5441, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 109-481) on the resolution (H. Res. 836) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 832 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5427.

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Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5427) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with Mr. MCHUGH (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on the amendment by the gentleman from New York (Mr. BISHOP) had been postponed and the bill had been read through page 47, line 2.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. LYNCH:

Page 47, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 503. (a) The Secretary of Energy, in cooperation with appropriate public and private entities, shall develop a plan to respond to potential disruptions in worldwide oil and natural gas production. Such plan shall include—

(1) identifying and assessing all threats to current oil and natural gas supplies that would result in a disruption of greater than 5 percent of the current oil and gas supply;