

4 billion kilowatt hours of hydroelectric power each year, for the next 50 years. I would want to reiterate our support for the enactment of this important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support the passage of this bipartisan resolution. Hoover Dam is truly a marvel of engineering, of technology and human endeavor. And tomorrow this reenactment of its 75-year dedication will take place in Las Vegas.

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

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, generations ago water and power visionaries came up with the idea of making the West bloom by harnessing our rivers. The Hoover Dam is a legendary example of that vision.

When completed in 1935, it was the tallest dam and the largest hydroelectric generator in the world. It literally helped create cities in the arid West and to this day, as my friend from California pointed out, still provides numerous benefits: emissions-free hydropower, drinking and irrigation water, and recreation and flood control.

This bipartisan resolution is a fitting honor to the Hoover Dam and to those who had the foresight to create one of the world's best-known engineering marvels.

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

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, very, very swiftly and quickly, before I yield back the balance of my time, I thank my staff and the minority staff on this beautiful resolution that is going to commemorate some magnificent achievements by the United States to really promote what we now know as the Southwest.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1636.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK LAND LEASE

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 714) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendments is as follows:

Senate amendments:

On page 2, line 12 before the period insert: "as amended, assigned, and assumed".

On page 2, line 21 after "lease" insert: "with the owner of the retained use estate".

On page 3, line 19, strike "with" and insert: "without".

On page 4, line 5, strike "and" and insert: "(E) include provisions to ensure the protection of the natural, cultural, and historic features of the resort and associated property, consistent with the laws and policies applicable to property managed by the National Park Service; and".

On page 4, line 6, strike "(E)" and insert: "(F)".

On page 5, line 3, strike "effective date" and insert: "award".

On page 5, line 24, strike "that" and insert: "who".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 417, legislation that I introduced to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a lease with the owners of Caneel Bay Resort in my congressional district.

I have a longer statement which I will submit for the RECORD, but I want to begin by thanking Natural Resources Committee Chairman NICK RAHALL and Subcommittee Chairman RAÚL GRIJALVA for their strong and steadfast support of this bill. I also want to thank Ranking Member HASTINGS and Subcommittee Ranking Member BISHOP for their support as well.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 714 passed the House in February of 2009 and was approved by the other body, with an amendment, on May 14 of this year. We have been working to secure the enactment of this or a similar bill for more than 4 years, which will mean that the largest employer on the island of St. John in my district will be able to make badly needed upgrades to its facilities and keep operating and save jobs of over 400 employees during these challenging economic times.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Natural Resources Committee Chief of Staff Jim Zoia, Chief Counsel Rick Healy, and National Parks, Forest and Public Land Subcommittee Staff Director David Watkins for all their hard work and assistance on this bill. H.R. 714 is an example of an effective public-private partner-

ship, and I urge my colleagues to support its adoption.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 714 has been adequately explained by the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands, and we have no objections at all to this legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 714.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND LIVING PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2010

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5360) to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the standard of visual acuity required for eligibility for specially adapted housing assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5360

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Housing, Employment, and Living Programs for Veterans Act of 2010" or the "HELP Veterans Act of 2010".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.
- Sec. 3. Modification of standard of visual acuity required for eligibility for specially adapted housing assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- Sec. 4. Authorities regarding housing loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Sec. 5. Reauthorization and improvement of Department of Veterans Affairs small business loan program.
- Sec. 6. Assistance for flight training.
- Sec. 7. Seven-year increase in amount of assistance for individuals pursuing apprenticeships or on-job training.
- Sec. 8. Extension of authority for certain qualifying work-study activities for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Sec. 9. Expansion of work-study allowance to include certain outreach services conducted through congressional offices.
- Sec. 10. Temporary reduction of required amount of wages for on-the-job training programs.