

candor that is not normal in reports such as this.

Mr. WON PAT. I thank the gentleman for raising those issues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Guam (Mr. Won Pat) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3659, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5, rule I, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH, AND SANCTUARIES ACT AUTHORIZATION

Mr. D'AMOURS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2449) to amend title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, to authorize appropriations for such title for fiscal years 1982, 1983, and 1984, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2449

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 304 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1434) is amended—

(1) by striking out "and" immediately after "fiscal year 1978" and inserting a comma; and

(2) by adding immediately after "fiscal year 1981" the following: ", not to exceed \$2,235,000 for fiscal year 1982, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1983,".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, a second is not required on this motion.

The gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. D'AMOURS) will be recognized for 20 minutes, and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FORSYTHE) will be recognized for 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. D'AMOURS).

Mr. D'AMOURS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2449 reauthorizes the marine sanctuaries program which was created by title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972.

The congressional intent in establishing the sanctuaries program is to recognize that there are certain areas in the coastal and ocean waters which exhibit sensitive and irreplaceable bio-

logic and ecological value. These areas often contain valuable fishery, oil, and gas resources; consequently, a designated sanctuary site can benefit greatly from a well-balanced and integrated management program of research, monitoring, education, recreation, resource exploitation, long-term planning, and regulation.

Marine sanctuaries have been designated to protect diverse areas such as coral reefs off Georgia and Florida, marine mammal and bird habitats off California, and the Civil War ironclad U.S.S. *Monitor* off North Carolina.

The program is designed to protect important marine areas for the long-term benefit of the public. It is similar to Federal programs such as the national park system and the national forest system which are responsible for management of special areas on land. The sanctuary program is designed to allow multiple use of ocean areas, but only if activities do not interfere with the purposes for which the sanctuary was established and do not threaten the integrity of the resource values of the site.

The reauthorization bill, H.R. 2449, was unanimously reported out of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee on May 13. Essentially, the bill contains the administration's requested authorizations of \$2.235 million for fiscal year 1982 and such sums as are necessary for fiscal year 1983.

It has been the committee's goal to insure that the development of the marine environment proceed in a balanced fashion, one which is sensitive in the need to protect our valuable marine resources.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in support of the authorizations for this program, in order to continue the management schemes for the present six sanctuaries and to enable the program to expand in the future.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2449, a bill to authorize \$2.25 million for the marine sanctuaries program in fiscal year 1982 and such sums as necessary in fiscal year 1983.

This bill conforms to the administration's budget request for 1982 and 1983. Its enactment would allow the Department of Commerce to continue to evaluate and designate areas as marine sanctuaries where the regulation of certain activities is needed to protect the resources in areas outside the jurisdiction of coastal States. The marine sanctuaries program provides for a multiuse management approach to preserve and protect selected habitats or other significant resources in marine waters.

Since the inception of the program in 1972, six sanctuaries have been designated, and the Department of Commerce is currently considering several

additional candidates. The authorization provided by H.R. 2449 would allow for the continued review of potential sites, the preparation of the necessary issue papers or impact statements, and for workshops and hearings to be conducted in the affected localities. In addition, this authorization will provide necessary support for the ongoing monitoring and management activities in the existing sanctuaries.

Mr. Speaker, I support the marine sanctuaries program if the areas designated are of a reasonable size and if the purpose for designation is for the protection of a significantly valuable, sensitive, or unique area, and not merely for the purpose of arbitrarily halting development within such area. If the program is carried out responsibly, then there is value in its continuation. The new administration has taken steps to insure this. Several policy and program refinements have been developed to clarify site selection criteria so that only sites with exceptional resource values will be considered. The administration will also be placing greater emphasis on improving the effectiveness of existing authorities and programs in order to minimize the need for new regulations.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2449 and the authorization it provides for the marine sanctuaries program.

● Mr. PRITCHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2449 which reauthorizes the marine sanctuaries program at a level of \$2.235 million for fiscal year 1982 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1983.

This program, established in 1972 with the enactment of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, provides for the protection of unique and sensitive marine and Great Lakes areas. Substantive changes in the program regulations in 1979 and in the legislation in 1980 have resulted in significant improvements in the administration of this program by NOAA. The scope of the program has been more narrowly defined and implementation procedures have been clarified.

Four of the six sanctuaries presently designated received final approval within the past year. The recent designations include unique marine mammal and seabird habitats in the Channel Islands and the Point Reyes-Farallon Islands Marine Sanctuaries off California, a sensitive live-bottom area at the Gray's Reef site off the Georgia coast, and a spectacular coral formation and reef community at Looe Key Marine Sanctuary off Florida. These designations will allow the preservation of these sites for their resource values by managing multiple uses within the sites to minimize potential harm to these values. Comprehensive management plans for these areas will also promote research and

educational programs to increase public awareness and understanding of these ecosystems. Designation of a seventh site, a significant stand of mangroves at St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, has recently been proposed by NOAA. In my view, Mr. Speaker, the marine sanctuaries program is making considerable progress in achieving its goals.

The authorization level provided in H.R. 2449, for \$2.235 million in fiscal year 1982 and such sums as may be necessary in fiscal year 1983, is consistent with the administration request for funding of this program. An administration review is currently being conducted of the progress made in implementing this program and of future plans for the program. A determination of the fiscal year 1983 funding requirements will be appropriate at the conclusion of that review.

I support this reauthorization for the continuation of these efforts to protect distinctive and fragile marine areas.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. ●

● Mr. LENT. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the distinguished gentleman from New Hampshire, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Oceanography and the distinguished gentleman from Washington the ranking minority member, for their leadership in bringing H.R. 2449 to the floor today.

I rise in support of H.R. 2449, authorizing funding to carry out the national marine sanctuaries program created with enactment of title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972. The authorization of \$2.235 million for fiscal year 1982 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1983 is consistent with the administration's position.

The marine sanctuaries program was enacted to provide protection to unique or distinctive marine areas having significant conservation, recreational, ecological, or esthetic values. Marine sanctuaries may be designated in ocean areas as far seaward as the outer edge of the Continental Shelf, coastal waters where the tide ebbs and flows, and the Great Lakes. To date, six such areas have been designated:

The U.S.S. *Monitor* Marine Sanctuary off the coast of North Carolina;

The Key Largo Coral Reef Marine Sanctuary off the coast of Florida;

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary off the coast of California;

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary off the coast of Georgia;

Point Reyes/Farallon Islands National Marine Sanctuary off the California coast; and

Loe Key National Marine Sanctuary off the Florida coast.

As ranking minority member of the House Panama Canal and Outer Continental Shelf, I am anxious to make

sure our marine sanctuary program is a viable one. One of the important protections accorded marine sanctuaries is the regulation of multiple uses within the area to minimize potential harm and maximize the protection needed to insure the integrity of the sanctuary's ecology.

Enactment of H.R. 2449 is needed to manage the six presently designated sanctuaries and to review and assess active sanctuary candidate sites. I urge my colleagues to join in voting for this legislation before us today. ●

Mr. D'AMOURS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. D'AMOURS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2449, 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 was amended so as to read: "To amend title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, to authorize appropriations for such title for fiscal years 1982, and 1983, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. D'AMOURS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill, S. 1003, to amend title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, to authorize appropriations for such title for fiscal years 1982 and 1983, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1003

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 304 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1434) is amended by—

(1) striking "and not" immediately after "1978" and substituting ", not"; and

(2) inserting immediately after "1981" the following ", not to exceed \$2,235,000 for fiscal year 1982, and not to exceed \$2,235,000 for fiscal year 1983".

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. D'AMOURS

Mr. D'AMOURS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. D'AMOURS moves to strike out all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill, S. 1003, and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of the bill, H.R. 2449, as passed by the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title of the Senate bill was amended so as to read: "To amend title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, to authorize appropriations for such title for fiscal years 1982, and 1983, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 2449) was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. D'AMOURS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

UPGRADE 1890 LAND-GRANT COLLEGES RESEARCH FACILITIES

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1309) to provide grants to the 1890 land-grant colleges, including Tuskegee Institute, for the purpose of assisting these institutions in the purchase of equipment and land, and the planning, construction, alteration, or renovation of buildings to strengthen their capacity for research in the food and agricultural sciences, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1309

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Congress to assist the institutions eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321-326 and 328), including Tuskegee Institute (hereinafter referred to in this Act as "eligible institutions"), in the acquisition and improvement of research facilities and equipment so that eligible institutions may participate fully with the State agricultural experiment stations in a balanced attack on the research needs of the people of their States.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1981 through 1985, such sums to remain available until expended.

SEC. 3. Four per centum of the sums appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be available to the Secretary for administration of this grants program. The remaining funds shall be available for grants to the eligible institutions for the purpose of assisting them in the purchase of equipment and land, and the planning, construction, alteration, or renovation of buildings to strengthen their capacity to conduct research in the food and agricultural sciences.