

over there or I would have mentioned him previously.

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman. I always respect your wisdom and good judgment.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3485, which reauthorizes the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program [NEHRP]. The bill originated in the Subcommittee on Science, of which I am ranking Republican. Amendments added in the Senate strengthen the legislation by directing the President to assess U.S. earthquake engineering research and testing capabilities.

In urging support for this vital initiative, I'd like to remind my colleagues that all of us have much to lose from earthquakes and much to gain from earthquake research and hazard prevention. As events of the past 5 years have so vividly reminded us, California is the most likely location for a major earthquake. But scientists tell us that all or parts of 38 States and three territories are at major or moderate risk. Quakes east of the Mississippi may be infrequent, but the results potentially no less devastating.

After each severe earthquake, awareness of the importance of protective measures runs high. But memories fade. Demands for increased mitigation efforts compete with other pressing concerns.

The reauthorization maintains a long-term sustained focus on research and applications to minimize earthquake damage. This modest program—\$210 million over 2 years—can pay significant dividends, returning the public's investment many times over.

The most recent example comes from the Northridge earthquake last January. Most buildings and bridges withstood the violent ground shaking during the quake. Without the improved building codes supported by the NEHRP, that wouldn't have happened. The damage would have been much more severe—close to the magnitude of the 1971 Silmar earthquake—centered in nearly the same area with far more tragic consequences.

Continued improvement in seismic codes and in the understanding of seismic risks have saved lives and property. We have a duty and obligation to move forward with this program. I ask you all to support H.R. 3485.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Chairman, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Chairman, 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 California [Mr. BROWN] that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3485.

The question was taken.

Mr. GOODLING. 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 clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained due to meetings with constituents in my district and I was unable to register my votes on rollcall numbers 457, 458, 459, 460, 461 and 462. Had I been present I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall No. 457,
"No" on rollcall No. 458,
"Yes" on rollcall No. 459,
"Yes" on rollcall No. 460,
"Yes" on rollcall No. 461,
"Yes" on rollcall No. 462.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POSHARD). The Chair reminds Members that special orders may not continue beyond midnight.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of February 11, 1994, and June 10, 1994, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. EHLERS] will be recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. EHLERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. FINGERHUT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FINGERHUT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. HORN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HORN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DORNAN addressed the House. His remark will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WELDON] is recognized for five minutes.

[Mr. WELDON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MANZULLO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. MANZULLO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SAXTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOKE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HOKE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mrs. BENTLEY] is recognized for five minutes.

[Mrs. BENTLEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of February 11, 1994, and June 10, 1994, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 30 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of February 11, 1994, and June 10, 1994, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the Majority Leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of my special order.