

So then, Madam Speaker, my point is, in expressing my gratitude, that this is not necessarily a noble goal, absent from a funding mechanism. The changes made to the bill enable the program to be properly funded so that children of fallen officers can receive higher education assistance.

We can never compensate the children for the loss of a parent who died in the line of duty. The least we can do is have a program in place to assist them in meeting their educational goals.

I, too, then, in conclusion, would like to thank the staffs, particularly those working with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FOX) in his office, Laura Gerum in my office who has done absolutely superb work on this issue, unstinting in their dedication and focus. We are very, very grateful to those who see us to this point today.

Madam Speaker, it but remains for me to thank all of those who will be voting for this bill. I hope it will be unanimous by this body.

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, I have no additional requests for time.

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

Mrs. KELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 3046, which provides support to the family members of public safety officers who are killed or disabled in the line of duty.

I would also like to commend Congress FOX for all of his hard work on this critically important issue. This issue is a top priority of mine, and I have worked hard to see that it is addressed by Congress this year.

H.R. 3046 is very similar to H.R. 2088, a bill I sponsored this year that was unanimously approved as part of H.R. 6 to establish a similar system of financial support for these families.

Police officers and firefighters lay their lives on the line on a daily basis, Madam Speaker, and sadly, all too often they make the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their communities.

These are our friends, our neighbors, our loved ones, and they leave behind families who must continue on. The death of a father or mother takes an obvious emotional toll, but it also impacts the financial security of the family, particularly when it comes to meeting educational expenses.

This bill seeks to address this particular problem by authorizing the Department of Justice to offer higher education assistance to the families of State and local public safety officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Last Congress, Congress adopted legislation to award education assistance to family members of Federal law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. I was pleased to support that legislation, which passed both the House and Senate by voice votes.

I am proud to support H.R. 3046, which takes the next logical step and extends this benefit to the families of all public safety officers who are killed while serving their communities.

Our public safety officers deserve our respect, gratitude and support. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3046, 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.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1525) to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1524

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998".

**SEC. 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEPENDENTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS KILLED OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.**

Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in the heading for subpart 2, by striking "**Civilian Federal Law Enforcement**" and inserting "**Public Safety**";

(2) in section 1211(1), by striking "civilian Federal law enforcement" and inserting "public safety";

(3) in section 1212(a)(1)(A), by striking "Federal law enforcement" and inserting "public safety";

(4) in section 1216(a), by inserting "and each dependent of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty on or after October 1, 1997," after "1992,"; and

(5) in section 1217—

(A) by striking paragraph (2); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (6) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

MOTION OFFERED BY MR. COBLE

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, I offer a motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. COBLE moves to strike out all after the enacting clause of S. 1525 and insert, in lieu thereof, the provisions of H.R. 3046 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, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 3046) was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT FROM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1998 TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1998

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, October 11, 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1998

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns tomorrow, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 1998 for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT OF 1998

Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3610) to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3610

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998".

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

The Congress finds that—

(1) oilheat is an important commodity relied upon by approximately 30,000,000 Americans annually as an efficient and economical energy source for commercial and residential space and hot water heating;

(2) oilheat equipment operates at efficiencies among the highest of any space heating energy source, reducing fuel costs and making oilheat an economical means of space heating;

(3) the production, distribution, and marketing of oilheat and oilheat equipment plays a significant role in the economy of the United States accounting for approximately \$12,900,000,000 in expenditures annually and employing millions of Americans in all aspects of the industry;

(4) only very limited Federal resources have been made available for oilheat research, development, safety, training, and education efforts, to the detriment of both the oilheat industry and its 30,000,000 consumers; and

(5) the cooperative development, self-financing, and implementation of a coordinated national oilheat industry program of research and development, training, and consumer education is necessary and important for the welfare of the oilheat industry, including wholesale distributors and retail marketers, as well as for the