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Managers on the Part of the Senate.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4548,
INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4548) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, be considered as adopted.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, although I do not presently intend to object, I ask the gentleman to explain his unanimous consent request.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I have a statement which I will submit for the RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleague from California knows and as we have talked about, this conference report has been agreed upon. We have had it ready for about 3 weeks. We worked through it very much in a bipartisan way through the House and the Senate. We ask for its consideration and to move it forward. I am not going to go through the details of my statement.

I hope that clarifies why we are doing it in this fashion tonight.

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I would point out to the gentleman and to this body that I signed the conference report, but that I think it would be worthwhile to make several points, although the time is late, including the fact that it gives the director of CIA flexible authority to pay employees under non-Federal cover, which is more and more important in targeting the post-9/11 security threats of terrorism

and the spread of WMD. It establishes a chief information technology manager to oversee enterprise, architecture, procurement and research and development. It requires the DCI to submit an assessment on countries or regions that are terrorist sanctuaries.

It contains a number of good language provisions. But it does not contain something that many of us feel is absolutely critical and that we hope will be forwarded by this administration for the 2006 budget, and that is full funding of counterterrorism in the base budget.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMERICAN BALD EAGLE RECOVERY AND NATIONAL EMBLEM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Financial Services be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4116) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, to America's lands, waterways, and skies and the great importance of the designation of the American bald eagle as an "endangered" species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

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The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 4116

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 "American Bald Eagle Recovery and National Emblem Commemorative Coin Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds as follows:

(1) The bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782, by our country's Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress.

(2) The bald eagle is the greatest visible symbol of the spirit of freedom and democracy in the world.

(3) The bald eagle species is unique to North America and represents the American values and attributes of freedom, courage, strength, spirit, loyalty, justice, equality, democracy, quality, and excellence.

(4) The bald eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and the seal of many branches and departments of the United States Government, including the President and the Vice President of the United States, the United States Congress,

the Department of Defense, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Postal Service.

(5) The bald eagle's image and symbolism have played a profound role in establishing and honoring American beliefs and traditions.

(6) The bald eagle's image and symbolism have influenced American art, music, history, literature, commerce, and culture since the founding of our Nation.

(7) The bald eagle species was once threatened with possible extinction in the lower 48 States but is now making a gradual, encouraging recovery within America's lands, waterways, and skies.

(8) The bald eagle was federally classified as an "endangered" species in 1973 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and, in 1995, was removed from the "endangered" species list and upgraded to the less imperiled "threatened" status under such Act.

(9) The administration is likely to officially delist the bald eagle from both the "endangered" and "threatened" species lists under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 by no later than 2008.

(10) The initial recovery of the bald eagle population in the United States was accomplished by the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations, and citizens.

(11) The continued caring and concern of the American people and the further restoration and protection of the bald eagle and its habitat is necessary to guarantee the full recovery and survival of this precious national treasure for future generations.

(12) Since the Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires that delisted species be administratively monitored for a 5-year period, the bald eagle nests in 49 States will require continual monitoring after the bald eagle is removed from the protection of such Act; and such efforts will require substantial funding to the Federal and State agencies and private organizations that will conduct such monitoring.

(13) Due to Federal and State budget cutting and balancing trends, funding for ongoing bald eagle care, restoration, monitoring, protection, and enhancement programs has diminished annually.

(14) In anticipation of the nationwide observance of the official removal, by 2008, of the bald eagle from the "threatened" species list under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and the 35th anniversary, in 2008, of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the designation of the bald eagle as an "endangered" species under such Act, Congress wishes to offer the opportunity for all persons to voluntarily participate in raising funds for future bald eagle recovery, monitoring, and preservation efforts and to contribute to a special American Eagle Fund endowment managed by the not-for-profit American Eagle Foundation of Tennessee in the United States, in cooperation with fund management experts.

(15) It is appropriate for Congress to authorize coins—

(A) celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the living symbol of freedom in the United States, to America's lands, waterways, and skies;

(B) commemorating the removal of the bald eagle from the "endangered" and "threatened" species lists under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and

(C) commemorating the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the designation of the bald eagle as an "endangered" species under such Act.