The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there any objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this legislation that we have been working on for 4 years. H.R. 1167, the proposed Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 2000, creates a new title in the 1975 Indian Self-Determination Act, a statute which allows Indian tribes to contract for or take over the administration and operation of certain Federal programs which provide services to Indian tribe members.

Subsequent amendments created title III in the 1975 act to provide for a self-governance demonstration project within the Indian Health Service which allows for large scale tribal self-governance compliance and funding agreements on a demonstration basis.

H.R. 1167 makes this demonstration contracting program permanent for certain programs contracted within the IHS if this legislation is enacted into law.

Indian and Alaskan native tribes will be able to contract for the operation, and against its consideration be waived; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled by the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in opposition to the joint resolution and a Member in support of the joint resolution; that pursuant to sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion; and that the provisions of sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not otherwise apply to any joint resolution disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam for the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 562) providing for the concurrence by the House, with amendments, in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1167.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the adoption of this resolution the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1167) to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

MAKING IN ORDER ON JULY 25, 2000, OR ANY DAY THEREAFTER, CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 99, DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF MOST FAVORED NATION TRADING STATUS TO VIETNAM

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on July 25, 2000, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 99) disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974, with respect to Vietnam; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that all points of order against the joint res-
control and redesign of various IHS activities on a permanent basis. In short, what a demonstration project would become a permanent IHS self-governance program. Tribes which have already contracted for IHS services under existing law will continue under the provisions of their contracts while an additional 50 new tribes would be selected each year to enter into contracts.

H.R. 1167 also allows for a feasibility study regarding the execution of tribal self-governance agreements of Indian-related programs outside the IHS but within the Department of Health and Human Services on a demonstration project basis. H.R. 1167 is an important piece of legislation which is a result of extensive negotiations between the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Indian Affairs in the other body, the Indian Health Service, the Department of Justice, and a special task force representing the many Indian tribes around the Nation.

After negotiations and some minor changes, we have all reached agreement. It is my understanding that H.R. 352, as it is now being considered by the House, incorporates H.R. 1167. It has been agreed to by everybody working on the bill, including administration officials and tribal representatives.

I support this legislation as we have amended it and we will now call the roll to pass it today and send it to the other body so that the other body will again have the opportunity to pass it in its final form and send it to the President.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of letters for inclusion in the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

Hon. DON YOUNG, Chairman, Committee on Resources, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman: In my letter dated March 9, 2000, I asked you to respect the Committee on Resources' jurisdiction over Section 12 or any other similar matter. If the Senate insists on its amendments and requests a conference, I would support the Committee on Commerce's request that the House hold over the conference. Finally, this action should not be seen as precedent for any other Senate amendments to Committee on Resources bills in the 106th Congress. This pattern of Commerce's jurisdiction. I would be pleased to place this letter and your response in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the Floor to document this agreement.

I appreciate your cooperation in moving this bill, which is very important to the Native American Community.

Sincerely,  
DON YOUNG,  
Chairman,  

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  

Hon. DON YOUNG, Chairman, Committee on Resources, Washington, D.C.

Dear Don: Thank you for your recent letter regarding H.R. 1167, a bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes. As you know, Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives grants the Committee on Commerce jurisdiction over public health and quarantine. Accordingly, you are correct in your conclusion that section 12 of H.R. 1167, as amended by the Senate, falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Commerce. Because of the importance of this legislation and your commitment to strike those matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Commerce when the bill comes to the floor, I will not exercise the Committee's right to a sequential referral. I appreciate your acknowledgment, by agreeing to waive its consideration of the bill, the Committee on Commerce does not waive its prerogatives with respect to this legislation or similar legislation, including authority to seek conferences on any provisions of the bill that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this legislation. Thank you for your commitment to support any request by the Commerce Committee to conduct conferences on H.R. 1167 or similar legislation.

I request that you include this letter and your response as part of the RECORD during consideration of the legislation on the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,  
TOM BILEY,  
Chairman.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this is the third time this important piece to the ongoing struggle for Indian tribes to provide governmental services to their membership has been before us. This bill provides a process through which tribes shall step into the shoes of the Federal Government and administer programs to their members previously run by the Indian Health Service.

Similar legislation passed the House in the 105th Congress and again just last November when we passed H.R. 1167. The bill has passed the Senate, and today we are here to agree to changes we have worked out with the Senate. This is one of, if not the most, important pieces of legislation this Congress will pass affecting American Indian tribes as it reaffirms our commitment to tribal self-governance, exercising powers of self-government, not by virtue of any delegation of powers from the Federal Government but rather by virtue of their innate sovereignty. The tribes' sovereignty predates the founding of the United States and its Constitution and forms the backdrop against which the United States has continually entered into a relationship with Indian tribes and Native villages.

I do not want to make any changes to the bill as it passed the Senate. I decided to delete a section of the bill relating to the application of the FLRA, which is further addressed in the more appropriate setting. Language included in the bill permits tribes to receive waivers from certain regulations to help tribes administer certain programs. We are all agreed, however, that this language does not alter the obligation of the Indian tribes to comply fully with the laws enacted by Congress.

I yield the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and all the members of the committee and all of the Indian tribes who worked so hard on this legislation, the Indian Health Service, and our friends in the other body who labored long and hard to get us where we are today, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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

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

Ms. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague and friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. George Miller), for his leadership and support on this very important piece of legislation.

Mr. GIBBONS, we have no further speakers at this 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 Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 562.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WEKIVA WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 2773, as amended.