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H. R. 4451

To terminate the International Space Station Alpha program, and to redirect the savings therefrom to National Aeronautics and Space Administration space and civil aviation programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 1994

Mr. ROEMER (for himself, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. PENNY, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. KLEIN, Mr. UPTON, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the International Space Station Alpha pro-
6 gram is neither necessary nor affordable to the
7 United States at this time;

1 (2) the presence of this “mega-project” is caus-
2 ing schedule delays, funding cuts, cost-overruns, and
3 cancellation of other, worthier National Aeronautics
4 and Space Administration programs;

5 (3) the cancellation of the International Space
6 Station Alpha program will require a number of
7 close-down costs in order to end production and buy
8 out certain contracts;

9 (4) current political turmoil in Russia, which is
10 very likely to continue into the foreseeable future,
11 creates grave doubts about the suitability of building
12 a joint project costing tens of billions of dollars to
13 the United States;

14 (5) Russian insistence on continuing some con-
15 trol over the space station components is unaccept-
16 able to this country; and

17 (6) in the absence of the International Space
18 Station Alpha program, billions of dollars in Federal
19 obligations will be available for other National Aero-
20 nautics and Space Administration projects.

21 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.**

22 No Federal funds may be appropriated or obligated
23 for the International Space Station Alpha program, except
24 for funds necessary to terminate such program.

1 **SEC. 3. REDIRECTION OF AMOUNTS SAVED.**

2 The amounts appropriated for the Space Station be-
3 fore the date of enactment of this Act are authorized to
4 be appropriated for expenses necessary for the termination
5 of the program, and the remainder are authorized to be
6 appropriated to proportionately increase the National
7 Aeronautics and Space Administration budget for—

8 (1) civil aviation programs, to ensure that the
9 United States can continue to compete in and lead
10 international markets for the development and pro-
11 duction of aircraft, meeting the challenge posed by
12 such competitors as the Airbus consortium;

13 (2) other space science, research, and education
14 programs which can further build on the National
15 Aeronautics and Space Administration successes and
16 economic contributions of the past; and

17 (3) other such purposes and programs within
18 the mission of the National Aeronautics and Space
19 Administration.

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