

look at what we are doing in this natural reserve and preserve area.

I am also pleased and want to thank particularly Secretary Babbitt, the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. REGULA, Senator MACK, and others who have assisted us in trying to connect the Ocala National Forest with the Wekiva Estate Park and acquire 18,000 acres along this area. This Congress has done more than anyone in the history that I know of, of the State or the Congress, in preserving that area which will connect the national forests with the State park and also with the scenic designation do a great deal in preserving an incredibly beautiful area for future generations.

So again I am pleased to join the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM]. I thank the gentleman for his leadership on this and others, and I urge my colleagues to pass this very productive legislation.

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MCCOLLUM] for his comments, and also as the chief sponsor of this piece of legislation. I am sure that the good residents of his district as well as the good people of Florida will benefit from this piece of legislation when it is passed.

Again in the spirit of bipartisanship on this committee I would like to thank him, and certainly also the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MICA] for his support, and again I ask my colleagues that we support this piece of legislation.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3155, 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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1996

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3497) to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3497

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1996".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Certain private lands in the State of Washington presently owned by Weyerhaeuser Company and others are located adjacent to the Snoqualmie National Forest and are logical extensions of the forest.

(2) A boundary adjustment will facilitate a land exchange which involves approximately 7,200 acres of National Forest land and 33,000 acres of private land owned by Weyerhaeuser Company, of which 6,278 acres are outside the present Snoqualmie National Forest boundary.

(3) Weyerhaeuser Company and the Forest Service are prepared to exchange these lands, which will benefit both the United States and Weyerhaeuser by consolidating their respective land-ownership holdings and providing reduced costs for each party to implement their land management objectives, providing an opportunity to implement more effective ecosystem based management, providing increased recreation opportunities for the American public, providing enhanced fish and wildlife habitat protection, and supporting the "Mountains-to-the Sound" goal of a continuous greenway between the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound.

SEC. 3. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby directed to modify the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest to include and encompass 10,589.47 acres, more or less, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Snoqualmie National Forest Proposed 1996 Boundary Modification" dated July 1, 1996. Such map, together with a legal description of all lands included in the boundary adjustment, shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service in Washington, District of Columbia.

(b) RULE FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.—For the purposes of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460f-9), the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, as modified pursuant to subsection (a), shall be considered to be the boundary of that National Forest as of January 1, 1965.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] and the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN].

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

(Mr. HANSEN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3497, introduced by Ms. DUNN of Washington. This legislation modifies the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest to facilitate a land exchange. It is needed because approximately 6,300 acres of land that would be exchanged to the Government is outside the national forest

boundary. H.R. 3497 is a bipartisan bill, introduced by the entire Washington delegation, and it has support from the administration and the public.

The land exchange has been 12 years in the making. It is the result of a collaborative effort between the Sierra Club's Checkerboard Project and the Weyerhaeuser Co. The Forest Service will exchange approximately 7,200 acres of national forest land for 33,000 acres of private lands owned by the Weyerhaeuser Co. The exchange is based on equal values of land and timber.

In addition to the trade, the agreement will result in a substantial donation of land from Weyerhaeuser to the Forest Service, including approximately 900 acres which will be added to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

Since 1991, surveys of the land and timber resources have been completed, and the biological, archaeological and wetland resources on the two ownerships have been thoroughly studied. In July, 1996, the Forest Service completed a draft environmental impact statement [EIS] for the land exchange and requested public comment on the proposal. Three public meetings were held to discuss the land exchange and the draft EIS. Once a final EIS and record of decision are completed, H.R. 3497 will provide the authority the Forest Service needs to acquire the lands that lie outside the current forest boundary.

I commend my colleague, Ms. DUNN, for her leadership on this excellent measure. The environment and the people of the Puget Sound region will benefit as a result. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and vote with in favor of H.R. 3497.

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

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

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I am unaware of any problems with this legislation, H.R. 3497. The bill would alter the boundaries of a national forest in the State of Washington to facilitate a land exchange that appears to be in the public interest. I understand the bill has the support of the various interested parties and I have no obligation to the legislation.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I have no 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 Utah [Mr. HANSEN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3497, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3497, the bill just considered.

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

There was no objection.

INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1834) to reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1834

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

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION.

Section 502(h) of the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4368b(h)) is amended by striking "\$15,000,000" and inserting "such sums as may be necessary".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] and the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALOMAVAEGA] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN].

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

S. 1834 would reauthorize the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992. That Act provides general assistance to Indian tribes so that they can address environmental issues on Indian lands.

Through the funding provided in this Act, Tribes are able to implement solid and hazardous waste programs on their own lands. In this way Tribes are able to fulfill self-government requirements by managing their own affairs using their own expertise and their own experience.

To date over 100 tribes have received grants under this act. At present tribes are developing environmental agreements which will identify environmental priorities and which will allow Tribes to implement programs for water quality, solid waste management, air quality, and pesticide management.

This is an important bill, Mr. Speaker. It authorizes such sums as may be necessary for what I understand is vital funding to Indian Tribes throughout our Nation.

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I recommend a yes vote on H.R. 1834, and I reserve the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker.

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

(Mr. FALOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, S. 1834 simply amends the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992 to change the authorization of funds available under the program from the current level of \$15 million to "such sums as may be necessary". Funding levels will still be subject to inclusion in an appropriations bill and submitted each year to Congress.

This program awards general assistance grants to Indian tribal Governments to enhance their ability to manage environmental programs on Indian lands. To date approximately 100 tribes have received multi media grants allowing them to develop and implement environmental protection procedures. However the need far outweighs the current limit on funding. \$28 million is included in appropriations language for fiscal year 1997 for this program.

With the grant assistance from this program, Indian tribes have developed comprehensive environmental programs in the areas of solid and hazardous waste management, water and air quality, and pesticide management. The Penobscot Indian Nation of Maine has established an award winning water resources program. This program had been nationally recognized as a model for State-Tribal-Federal cooperation. Some tribes have been able to clean up solid and hazardous waste sites on their land with the help of this program. Still other tribes have closed open-air dumps, established recycling programs, identified leaking underground storage tanks and potential superfund sites.

Mr. Speaker, the cost of this program is minimal compared to the return this nation, in cooperation with American Indian nations, gains. I urge my colleagues to support passage of this bill.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. [Mr. BURTON of Indiana]. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah, Mr. HANSEN, that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1834.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 1834, the Senate bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1996

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 525, the following bills are expected to be considered under suspension of the rules on Thursday, September 26:

H. Con. Res. 180, Commending Americans in Cold War;

H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission;

H.R. 2977, Administrative Dispute Resolution Conference Report;

H. Con. Res. 145, Re: Removal of Russian Forces from Moldova;

H. Con. Res. 189, Re: U.S. Membership in South Pacific;

H. Con. Res. 51, Removal of Russian Troops;

H.R. 2579, Establish Tourism Board;

H.R. 3841, Civil Service Reform Act;

H.R. 3973, Alaska Natives;

H.R. 3752, American Land Sovereignty Protection;

H.R. 3068, Prairie Island;

H.R. 2505, Alaska native Claim Settlement Act Amendments;

H.R. 4168, Dealing with the sale of Helium;

H.R. 2660, Tensas River National Wildlife;

S. 1802, Wyoming Fish Conveyance;

H.R. 3804, Agua Caliente;

H.R. 4011, Congressional Pension Forfeiture Act;

S. 1970, National Museum of American Indian;

H.R. 3700, Internet Election;

S. 640, Water Resources Development Act Conference Report;

H.R. 3159, NTSB; and

H.R. 4138, Hydrogen Research & Development.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING RETIRING WOMEN MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to give this special order honoring the women Members who will be