

(c) REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE.—

(1) TITLE ACCEPTANCE AND CONVEYANCE.—Upon offer by the Public Utility District of all right, title, and interest in and to the lands described in subsection (b)(2), if the title is found acceptable by the Secretary, the Secretary shall accept title to such lands and interests therein and shall convey to the Public Utility District all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lands described in subsection (b)(1).

(2) APPRAISALS REQUIRED.—Before making an exchange pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall conduct appraisals of the lands that are subject to the exchange to determine the fair market value of the lands. Such appraisals shall not include the value of the wastewater treatment facility referred to in paragraph (4)(A).

(3) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION.—If, on the basis of the appraisals made under paragraph (1), the Secretary determines that the fair market value of the lands to be conveyed by one party under subsection (a) is less than the fair market value of the lands to be conveyed by the other party under subsection (a), then, as a condition of making the exchange under subsection (a), the party conveying the lands with the lesser value shall pay the other party the amount by which the fair market value of the lands of greater value exceeds the fair market value of the lands of lesser value.

(4) CONVEYANCE OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.—(A) As part of an exchange made under subsection (a), the Secretary shall convey to the Public Utility District of Chelan County, Washington, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the wastewater treatment facility (including the wastewater treatment plant and associated lagoons) located on the lands described in subsection (b)(1) that is in existence on the date of the exchange.

(B) As a condition for the exchange under subsection (a), the Public Utility District shall provide for a credit equal to the fair market value of the wastewater treatment facility conveyed pursuant to subparagraph (A) (determined as of November 4, 1991), that shall be applied to the United States' share of any new or modified wastewater treatment facilities constructed by the Public Utility District after November 4, 1991.

(d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the exchange under this section as the Secretary determines appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] and the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE].

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

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2518, introduced by Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. This legislation provides for the transfer of 122 acres of National Forest System lands and a sewage treatment plant to Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County. In exchange, the Forest Service will receive 109 acres of unencumbered land owned by the P.U.D. on the Wenatchee River.

H.R. 2518 requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct an appraisal to determine the current fair market value of the lands and requires payment needed to equalize any difference in land value. It also requires that all right, title, and interest in the wastewater treatment facility shall be conveyed to the P.U.D., and that the P.U.D. shall provide a credit, equal to the fair market value of the treatment facility, applied to the United States' share of any new or modified facilities constructed by the P.U.D. after November 4, 1991.

Mr. HASTINGS is to be commended for his efforts to ensure that the legislation fully meets the needs of both the Forest Service and the public utility district. H.R. 2518 is supported by the administration and is needed to provide for the more efficient management of wastewater treatment in the Lake Wenatchee area of Chelan County, Washington. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to facilitate this land exchange and support H.R. 2518.

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2518 would authorize the transfer of sewage treatment facilities and associated lands on the Wenatchee National Forest to Public Utility No. 1 of Chelan County, in exchange for lands of equal value and other consideration.

We have no objection to the measure and I would note that the administration also supports the bill. It is a fair deal for both the local utility district and the Federal Government.

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. HASTINGS].

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and rise in strong support of H.R. 2518.

This noncontroversial bill authorizes the transfer of 122 acres of Wenatchee National Forest land that includes a wastewater treatment plant, for 109 acres of unencumbered land along the Wenatchee River currently owned by Chelan Public Utility District No. 1.

In recent years, the septic system serving area businesses and private residences has failed due to rapid growth and development throughout the Lake Wenatchee community. The PUD will use the Forest Service facility to provide adequate services to this area.

H.R. 2518 merely implements this commonsense solution developed by the local community. The bill has the strong support of the PUD, the Forest Service, and the local county commissioners. All sides agree that the transfer of the Forest Service's wastewater treatment plant is the answer to the Lake Wenatchee community's current problems.

I want to thank Subcommittee Chairman HANSEN and Ranking Mem-

ber RICHARDSON for their prompt attention to this bill and urge its passage today.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. 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 California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2518, 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.

DEL NORTE COUNTY, CA, LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2709) to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the Del Norte County Unified School District of Del Norte County, CA, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2709

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE.

As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the Del Norte County Unified School district of Del Norte County, California, in accordance with this Act, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in section 2.

SEC. 2. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION.

The property referred to in section 1 is that portion of Township 17 North, Range 2 East, Humboldt Meridian in Del Norte County, California, which is further described as follows:

Beginning at Angle Point No. 3 of Tract 41 as resurveyed by the Bureau of Land Management under survey Group No. 1013, approved August 13, 1990, and shown on the official plat thereof;

thence on the line between Angle Points No. 3 and No. 4 of Tract 41, North 89 degrees, 24 minutes, 20 seconds East, a distance of 345.44 feet to Angle Point No. 4 of Tract 41;

thence on the line between Angle Points No. 4 and No. 5 of Tract 41, South 00 degrees, 01 minutes, 20 seconds East, a distance of 517.15 feet;

thence West, a distance of 135.79 feet;

thence North 88 degrees, 23 minutes, 01 seconds West, a distance of 61.00 feet;

thence North 39 degrees, 58 minutes, 18 seconds West, a distance of 231.37 feet to the East line of Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 2 East;

thence along the East line of Section 21, North 00 degrees, 02 minutes, 20 seconds West, a distance of 334.53 feet to the point of beginning.

SEC. 3. CONSIDERATION.

The conveyance provided for in section 1 shall be without consideration except as required by this Act.

SEC. 4. CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.

The conveyance provided for in section 1 shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) Del Norte County shall be provided, for no consideration, an easement for County Road No. 318 which crosses the Northeast corner of the property conveyed.

(2) The Pacific Power and Light Company shall be provided, for no consideration, an

ease for utility equipment as necessary to maintain the level of service provided by the utility equipment on the property as of the date of the conveyance.

(3) The United States shall be provided, for no consideration, an easement to provide access to the United States property that is south of the property conveyed.

SEC. 5. LIMITATIONS ON CONVEYANCE.

The conveyance authorized by section 1 is subject to the following limitations:

(1) ENCUMBRANCES.—Such conveyance shall be subject to all encumbrances on the land existing as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) RE-ENTRY RIGHT.—The United States shall retain a right of re-entry in the land described for conveyance in section 2. If the Secretary determines that the conveyed property is not being used for public educational or related recreational purposes, the United States shall have a right to re-enter the property conveyed therein without consideration.

SEC. 6. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The conveyance provided for in section 1 shall be subject to such additional terms and conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture and the Del Norte County Unified School District agree are necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] and the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE].

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

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2709, introduced by Mr. RIGGS of California, to transfer ownership of 4.32 acres of national forest land in California to the Del Norte County Unified School District for the Gasquet Mountain School. The school district has leased the land from the Six Rivers National Forest for \$900 per year for a school since 1961. While technically part of the Six Rivers National Forest, the parcel is actually in a town setting and would otherwise be unused by the Forest Service.

Because the school district does not own title to the land, it has been unable to qualify for funding to upgrade or add to the school. There is no indoor facility for children in inclement weather. The transfer would enable the school to build a multipurpose room for use as a cafeteria, gymnasium, and meeting room.

The bill was amended in the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Lands to clarify the reservations to the Federal Government, and then, at the administration's request, it was amended by the Committee on Resources to further clarify those reservations. As a result, H.R. 2709 ensures the Federal Government a right of re-entry in the event the land is no longer used for public educational or recreational purposes.

This commonsense legislation is needed so that a small rural commu-

nity in northwest California can provide much-needed facilities for its students. I urge the Members of the House to join me in supporting H.R. 2709 for the school children of Del Norte County.

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

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we have no objections to this measure. It was amended by the Committee on Natural Resources to address several issues related to the transfer.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2709 would convey 4.2 acres of land in the Six Rivers National Forest to the Del Norte County School District for no consideration, subject to certain terms and conditions.

We have no objection to the measure. H.R. 2709 was amended by the Resources Committee to address several issues related to the transfer. As the bill stands now, it will provide necessary lands for a local school, while retaining for the Federal Government terms and conditions that protect the public interest.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2709, which I introduced last December. I thank Chairman HANSEN and the other bipartisan leadership of the Resources Committee for their attention to this bill.

Briefly, H.R. 2709 would convey to the Del Norte County Unified School District, Del Norte County, CA, 4.32 acres of Forest Service land on which the Gasquet Mountain School now sits.

The bill provides that as soon as practicable after enactment, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the Del Norte County Unified School District land, which is described by metes and bounds, on which the Gasquet Mountain School has been located since 1961. Since that time, the school district has paid approximately \$900 per year for the lease of the land from the Forest Service. The land would otherwise be unused.

Gasquet, CA is a small rural community located in the middle of U.S. Forest Service and National Park lands. It is over 20 miles from the nearest community facility available for social or recreational purposes.

Because the school district does not own title to the land, it has been unable to qualify for funding to enhance, expand, and otherwise improve the educational and recreational opportunities for local children. There is now no indoor facility where children can play during Del Norte County's long, wet, and sometimes snowy, winters. If the transfer is approved, the school could build a multipurpose room. It could also be used as a cafeteria, gymnasium, and meeting room.

While the land is technically part of Six Rivers National Forest, it is isolated from the main body of the forest within the town of Gasquet. Because of this, and its long history of use as a school, the conveyance would be without consideration. However, the bill requires that the school district must continue to use the property for public educational or recreational purposes. Furthermore, the school district must provide continued access as necessary to the United States—to reach adjoining property—to Del Norte County—for a road—and to the local power company.

Previous attempts by the school district to exchange other land for the parcel have been

unsuccessful. An official of the Forest Service has described the site as "a parcel of public land sitting within a town site [that's] almost impossible to manage as a piece of national forest." In a July 31, 1995, letter regarding a no-cost conveyance, the Department of Agriculture Forest Supervisor stated:

Our Forest would have no objection to this method of conveying the site to the School District due to its close proximity to the town of Gasquet, long range need, location outside the [Smith River National Recreation Area], overall development of the site, and the difficulty of the Forest Service to manage the site for other National Forest purposes.

Besides the Forest Service, the Gasquet Community Council, Del Norte County Unified School District, and the Del Norte County Board of Supervisors all support the transfer proposed by H.R. 2709.

I urge my colleagues to pass this legislation.

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

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I urge passage of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2709, 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.

ELKHORN TIMBER SUBSTITUTION

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2711) to provide for the substitution of timber for the canceled Elkhorn Ridge Timber Sale.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2711

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

SECTION 1. SUBSTITUTION OF TIMBER FOR CANCELED TIMBER SALE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of July 31, 1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), and the requirements of section 5402.0-6 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, is authorized to substitute, without competition, a contract for timber identified for harvest located on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the State of California of comparable value for the following terminated timber contract: Elkhorn Ridge Timber Sale, Contract No. CA-050-TS-88-01.

(b) DISCLAIMER.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as changing any law or policy of the Federal Government beyond the timber sale substitution specified in this section.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] and the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE].