

since May 1999. We did not receive the views of the administration or other interested parties on this measure. As a result, we do not know what this defense program does or could do, nor to what extent this program has been previously used by the National Park Service or other land management agencies.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN) has described this as a non-controversial measure to encourage the use of an existing defense program in making needed repair to the infrastructure of our national park units. We have no objection to this nonbinding resolution, but we would like to have it understood that such assistance is to be carried out in conformance with the applicable laws and regulations and with the recognition of the high value placed on preserving and protecting national park resources.

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. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 182.

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 (Mr. GEKAS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### MIWALETA PARK EXPANSION ACT

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1725) to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1725

*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 "Miwaleta Park Expansion Act".

#### SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND, DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") shall convey, without consideration, to Douglas County, Oregon (referred to in this section as the "County"), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land (including improvements on the land) described in paragraph (2) and consisting of—

(A) Miwaleta Park, a county park managed under agreement by the County on Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management; and

(B) an adjacent tract of Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

(2) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The parcel of land referred to in paragraph (1) is the parcel in the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 27, T31S, R4W, W.M., Douglas County, Oregon, described as follows:

The property lying between the southerly right-of-way line of the relocated Cow Creek County Road No. 36 and contour elevation 1881.5 MSL, comprising approximately 28.50 acres.

(b) USE OF LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—After conveyance of land under subsection (a), the County may manage and exercise any program or policy that the County considers appropriate in the use of the land for park purposes.

(2) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines that the land conveyed under subsection (a) is not being used for park purposes—

(i) all right, title, and interest in and to the land, including any improvements on the land, shall revert to the United States; and

(ii) the United States shall have the right of immediate entry onto the land.

(B) DETERMINATION ON THE RECORD.—Any determination of the Secretary under subparagraph (A) shall be made on the record.

(c) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary and paid for by the County.

(d) IMPACT ON FERC WITHDRAWAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance of land under subsection (a) shall have no effect on the conditions and rights provided in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Withdrawal No. 7161.

(2) CONFLICTS.—In a case of conflict between the use of the conveyed land as a park and the purposes of the withdrawal, the purposes of the withdrawal shall prevail.

(e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—Except as provided in subsection (c), costs associated with the conveyance under subsection (a) shall be borne by the party incurring the costs.

(f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO) 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. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1725, introduced by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

Mr. Speaker, a significant amount of effort has gone into the preparation of this bill, and I would like to begin by commending the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) for their diligence in bringing this legislation to the floor.

Miwaleta Park, located in Oregon, is a 30-acre area jointly managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Douglas County. The title to this park and surrounding area is currently held by the BLM. Under H.R. 1725, the title, and all rights and interest of this land, would be transferred to Douglas County for the purpose of building a public campground.

Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my support for H.R. 1725, and ask for the endorsement of all Members to pass this needed legislation.

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

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1725 authorizes the conveyance of approximately 29 acres of public land to Douglas County, Oregon for park purposes. Currently 25 acres of the land proposed to be conveyed are used as a county park, Miwaleta Park, under an agreement between the county and the Bureau of Land Management.

The county has been working with the Bureau of Land Management to develop a campground on four adjacent acres, but this development has been complicated by the site's location within a Late Successional Reserve designated by the Northwest Forest Plan. However, the Bureau of Land Management has completed an environmental assessment that concluded the county could proceed with the proposed campground development.

Douglas County and the Bureau of Land Management had previously discussed conveying the land in question under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, but that procession was abandoned because current law does not allow Oregon and California lands to be transferred or leased. The land transfer contained in H.R. 1725 is an alternative to other administrative processes available to deal with these lands.

We should note that the legislation the House is considering today is different from a related Senate bill, S. 977, that the Senate passed late last year. We hope that the remaining issues between the two versions of the legislation can be satisfactorily resolved so that this legislative initiative can be finalized and sent to the President for his signature.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time, and I thank him for his help with this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a long and difficult process for Douglas County to improve and obtain the properties adjacent to their park in order that they might provide for camping facilities and might make this area more desirable for hundreds of families each year.

The Miwaleta Park is adjacent to a reservoir. It is heavily recreated now, and we have problems because of dispersed camping in the area. This park is actually going to, with the development of facilities by the county, ameliorate existing problems that we have with the dispersed camping and trash

and other problems, and provide for a family camping experience, provide for sanitary facilities, and really enhance the experience for everyone.

The Secretary of the Interior will continue to have the right to revoke title if the county does not maintain these lands for parks. I am fully confident that Douglas County will substantially invest in and manage this property very well, but, in order to meet concerns that some have expressed, we included that in the legislation.

We also, in going through and evaluating this legislation, determined that in fact the environmental impacts would be positive, not negative; that by cutting down on the dispersed camping and the sanitation and trash problems with the developed facility and concentrating the camping activities in a smaller area, that a number of problems would also be ameliorated.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of people have contributed to this legislation. Douglas County, of course, has been persistent in dealing with the Bureau of Land Management over 8 long years and working with me. Former chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, BOB SMITH, supported the bill in the last Congress. My colleague the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) was very supportive and a cosponsor of the legislation in this Congress, as well as the gentleman from Alaska (Chairman YOUNG) and the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN). Of course on the Senate side, we have had support from the Oregon delegation. I have great support from staff, both Rick Healy now as staff and my former staff, Jeff Steer.

So it has been a long time, but sometimes good things take a very long time. After 8 long years, the people of Douglas County in the very near future will have greatly enhanced camping facilities available so that they might enjoy Oregon's summer on this wonderful body of water.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Chair for his support.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO. 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. 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. 1725.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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#### 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 H.R. 1680, H. Res. 182, and H.R. 1725, the three bills just debated.

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

There was no objection.

#### CAPTAIN COLIN P. KELLY, JR. POST OFFICE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1666) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1666

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

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, is hereby designated as the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office". Any reference to such facility in a law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to the "Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1666.

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

There was no objection.

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

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. BOYD) is to be credited today for his initiative and his work in introducing this bill which has just been noted designates the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office.

For the record, Mr. Speaker, I would note the Congressional Budget Office has reviewed the legislation and has determined that the enactment of this bill would have no significant impact on the Federal budget. Spending by the Postal Service is classified as off-budget and thus is not subject to pay-as-you-go procedures. As well, the bill contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and, as such, would impose no costs on State, local, or tribal governments.

I would also, Mr. Speaker, like to thank the gentleman from Philadel-

phia, Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the ranking member of the subcommittee, for his continuous cooperation, certainly on this bill, but on all of these initiatives that we have tried to develop through the subcommittee and for his work on behalf of his side; and the support of the full committee; and the chairman of that full committee, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), as always is greatly appreciated.

I should say that this legislation continues what I think is a very admirable record of the subcommittee and of this House of expressing its admiration through these designations for individuals and citizens who have served their communities and have served their countries well.

Today, we are marking a gentleman who has really put forward heroic efforts and a gentleman who has been widely recognized as our Nation's first World War II hero and, in fact, Time Magazine, in its issue of December 22 of 1941 stated, "If heroism can be compared, the most illustrious of America's first heroes was Captain Colin Kelly, Jr. His citation was recorded in a single pregnant sentence of a communique issued by General Douglas MacArthur who said, 'General MacArthur announced with great sorrow the death of Captain Colin Kelly, Jr., who so distinguished himself by scoring three direct hits on the Japanese capital battleship *Haruna*, leaving her in flames and in distress.'"

It is indeed fitting that the Post Office in Madison, Florida, be named after Mr. Kelly, who was born in that community in the year of 1915. He graduated from that community's high school in 1932. Thereafter, he entered West Point in 1933, graduated, and was assigned to B-17 fighter group. He was the first Army officer to fly the Boeing Flying Fortress in the Far East.

At the time of his early demise on December 10 of 1941, Colin Kelly was survived by his wife and his young son, Colin P. Kelly, III.

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned, we are indebted to our friend and colleague for bringing this legislation forward. I know that the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BOYD) is here on the floor and will wish to make some comments, but he has our gratitude and our admiration in making this effort to identify a gentleman who has done his Nation, his community, and his family so much good, and we appreciate that.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH). Not only have we worked together on these initiatives, I still remain hopeful that we are going to work together and find a way to provide some modernization for our postal services. I want to thank him for his efforts legislatively leading this Chamber in that direction.

Let me say that in terms of the bill in front of us, I rise in support of H.R.