

a better look at how we manage these resources. This commission that we will vote on will do that. The President is required to bring back to Congress a report on how we should legislate within the next 18 months.

This is a very good bill. I ask for an "aye" vote.

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2327, the Oceans Act of 2000. As chairman of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I can attest to the importance of this legislation and the need to develop a comprehensive approach to our nation's oceans. Our Subcommittee held a hearing on comparable legislation in 1998 and since then has been active in reviewing and passing related bills advancing ocean and coastal protection efforts.

Like its predecessors (such as H.R. 3445 and S. 1213 in the 105th Congress), S. 2327 takes an important step towards a coordinated, comprehensive, and long-range national ocean policy. Clearly, there is a need for a renewed, comprehensive effort to develop such a policy. A lot has changed since the Stratton Commission was established in 1966. We have learned more about ocean and coastal problems and solutions and we have seen the enactment of laws such as the Clean Water Act, the Ocean Dumping Act, and the Oil Pollution Act. We also continue to witness the importance of shore protection and hurricane response programs of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Speaker, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was entitled to a referral of this legislation. However, in order to expedite House consideration of this important measure, the Committee agreed not to seek a referral. I appreciate the leadership and cooperation of Chairman SHUSTER, Chairman SENSENBRENNER of the Science Committee, and, of course, Chairman YOUNG of the Resources Committee. I also want to congratulate Rep. SAXTON, Rep. FARR, and others for their tireless efforts to move this legislation forward. Many of S. 2327's provisions are the result of negotiations among the House Committees and the Senate in 1998 and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, a vote for this bill is a vote for the responsible use and stewardship of ocean and coastal resources. I urge all of my colleagues to support S. 2327.

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no more 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 New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2327.

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.

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#### JARYD ATADERO LEGACY TRAIL

Mr. TANCREDI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 3817) to redesignate the Big South Trail in the Comanche Peak Wilderness Area of Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado as the "Jaryd Atadero Legacy Trail," as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3817

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

#### SECTION 1. FINDING.

*Congress finds that Jaryd Atadero, a 3-year old boy from Littleton, Colorado, was last seen the morning of October 2, 1999, 1½ miles from the trailhead of the Big South Trail in the Comanche Peak Wilderness Area of Roosevelt National Forest.*

#### SEC. 2. DEDICATION.

*Congress dedicates the Big South Trail in the Comanche Peak Wilderness Area of Roosevelt National Forest to Jaryd Atadero and his legacy of promoting safe outdoor recreation for children.*

#### SEC. 3. SIGN.

*The Secretary of Agriculture shall recognize the loss of Jaryd Atadero and the need for increased awareness of child safety in outdoor recreation settings by posting an interpretive sign at the Big South Trail trailhead that—*

*(1) describes consideration for safe outdoor recreation with children;*

*(2) refers to the tragic loss of Jaryd Atadero to underscore the need for such safety considerations;*

*(3) refers to the dedication by Congress of this trail and safety message to the legacy of Jaryd Atadero; and*

*(4) for not less than 1 year, includes a copy of this Act and an image of Jaryd Atadero.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDI) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDI).

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Idaho (Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE), who is the chairman of our Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, for her support and efforts on this legislation. I also thank the gentleman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) for their contributions at the hearing earlier this month.

Mr. Speaker, Colorado's Rocky Mountains are rugged and beautiful, but they are a dangerous playground for all small children. Three-year-old Jaryd Atadero was last seen on the morning of October 2, 1999, hiking one and one-half miles from the trail head of the Big South Trail in the Comanche Peak Wilderness Area of the Roosevelt National Forest.

On that day in October, a group of friends took Jaryd hiking on the Big South Trail as his father, Allyn, stayed behind to tend to their camp.

As the hike wore on, the group split into two, with the faster hikers moving ahead. Jaryd became missing as he ran from one group to the other. After 7 exhaustive days of searching by local volunteers, Air Force rescuers, and the

Larimer and Arapahoe County authorities, no trace of Jaryd was found. He has vanished completely.

Jaryd's disappearance is a haunting story that leaves each person who hears it wishing they could do something to help, myself included. My colleagues may remember that the story received national attention for several weeks, and hundreds of people all over the country have contacted Jaryd's father offering their prayers and financial help to solve the mystery.

But Mr. Atadero, who is a deeply spiritual man, understood from the very beginning of this ordeal that the national attention given to his son's disappearance should also be focused on the prevention of future disappearances. This bill is the result of his efforts.

H.R. 3817 would dedicate the Big South Trail in the Comanche Peak Wilderness area of Roosevelt National Forest to Jaryd Atadero. Under the bill, a permanent sign will be placed at the trail head that has a list of the safety tips for children; and, for a period of no less than a year, a picture of Jaryd and a copy of this legislation will also appear.

This bill has the support of the entire Colorado delegation as well as the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) who has a personal relationship with the Atadero family.

Today I brought with me a Jaryd Atadero Legacy Whistle. This is a program started by Larimer County officials that provides some basic safety tips and a whistle with a wristband that children can carry with them while hiking on a trail.

As of this week, Jaryd's whistles have been handed out to more than 4,000 children in Colorado alone. The county has received requests from schools and churches across this country in States such as Texas, Tennessee, Florida, and Kansas for these whistles and for the safety presentations by a search and rescue team. I introduced H.R. 3817 to provide a permanent reminder of Jaryd and to promote these kinds of safety precautions.

I believe that H.R. 3817 would not only keep Jaryd's memory alive, it would also raise awareness about the dangers that children face when they recreate on public lands. Many of these dangers are preventable if children and parents would remember to take safety precautions while hiking in the wilderness.

Again, I thank the Speaker and those Members of the Committee on Resources that have been of assistance in our efforts to promote this issue and remember Jaryd. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3817, as amended.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3817, dealing with the tragedy of Jaryd Atadero, who disappeared on

the Big South Trail in Comanche Peak Wilderness area of the Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado. Despite a week-long search, Jaryd was never found. With this bill, perhaps some good can come from this tragedy.

I thank the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCRED0) for bringing this legislation to the floor to deal with the memory of Jaryd and perhaps to warn other families and children about some of the dangers of being in a wilderness area, and to prevent other tragedies such as Jaryd's death.

I urge my colleagues to support this. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR).

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill. This bill is a good bill, and I recommend an "aye" vote on it.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House today is considering H.R. 3817, the bill to address the lessons to be learned from the story of a young boy, Jaryd Atadero, who became separated from his family in the Comanche Peak wilderness area in Colorado last year and has never been found.

I am a cosponsor of this bill, which would also remind us all of the need for vigilance for the safety of our children not only in the mountains but elsewhere as well.

The Resources Committee revised the bill to address some concerns raised by the Administration, and as it comes before the House today it enjoys the support of both sides of the aisle in our committee. I want to commend my Colorado colleague, Mr. TANCRED0, for working with the committee and with the Forest Service to resolve their concerns. I urge approval of the bill.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. 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 Colorado (Mr. TANCRED0) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3817, 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.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to dedicate the Big South Trail in the Comanche Peak Wilderness Area of Roosevelt National Forest in Colorado to the legacy of Jaryd Atadero."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER ACT

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2919) to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2919

*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 "National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Act".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (hereinafter "Freedom Center") was founded in 1995;

(2) the objectives of the Freedom Center are to interpret the history of the Underground Railroad through development of a national cultural institution in Cincinnati, Ohio, that will house an interpretive center, including museum, educational, and research facilities, all dedicated to communicating to the public the importance of the quest for human freedom which provided the foundation for the historic and inspiring story of the Underground Railroad;

(3) the city of Cincinnati has granted exclusive development rights for a prime riverfront location to the Freedom Center;

(4) the Freedom Center will be a national center linked through state-of-the-art technology to Underground Railroad sites and facilities throughout the United States and to a constituency that reaches across the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and beyond; and

(5) the Freedom Center has reached an agreement with the National Park Service to pursue a range of historical and educational cooperative activities related to the Underground Railroad, including but not limited to assisting the National Park Service in the implementation of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad;

(2) to assist the Freedom Center in the development of its programs and facilities in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

(3) to assist the National Park Service in the implementation of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act (16 U.S.C. 4691).

#### SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) PROJECT BUDGET.—The term "project budget" means the total amount of funds expended by the Freedom Center on construction of its facility, development of its programs and exhibits, research, collection of informative and educational activities related to the history of the Underground Railroad, and any administrative activities necessary to the operation of the Freedom Center, prior to the opening of the Freedom Center facility in Cincinnati, Ohio.

(3) FEDERAL SHARE.—The term "Federal share" means an amount not to exceed 20 percent of the project budget and shall include all amounts received from the Federal Government under this legislation and any other Federal programs.

(4) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The term "non-Federal share" means all amounts obtained by the Freedom Center for the implementation of its facilities and programs from any source other than the Federal Government, and shall not be less than 80 percent of the project budget.

(5) THE FREEDOM CENTER FACILITY.—The term "the Freedom Center facility" means the facility, including the building and surrounding site, which will house the museum and research institute to be constructed and developed in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the site described in section 4(c).

#### SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From sums appropriated pursuant to the authority of subsection (d) in any fiscal year, the Secretary is authorized and directed to provide financial assistance to the Freedom Center, in order to pay the Federal share of the cost of authorized activities described in section 5.

(b) EXPENDITURE ON NON-FEDERAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary is authorized to expend appropriated funds under subsection (a) of this section to assist in the construction of the Freedom Center facility and the development of programs and exhibits for that facility which will be funded primarily through private and non-Federal funds, on property owned by the city of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the State of Ohio.

(c) DESCRIPTION OF THE FREEDOM CENTER FACILITY SITE.—The facility referred to in subsections (a) and (b) will be located on a site described as follows: a 2-block area south of new South Second, west of Walnut Street, north of relocated Theodore M. Berry Way, and east of Vine Street in Cincinnati, Ohio.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$16,000,000 for the 4 fiscal year period beginning October 1, 1999. Funds not to exceed that total amount may be appropriated in 1 or more of such fiscal years. Funds shall not be disbursed until the Freedom Center has commitments for a minimum of 50 percent of the non-Federal share.

(e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act shall remain available for obligation and expenditure until the end of the fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated.

(f) OTHER PROVISIONS.—Any grant made under this Act shall provide that—

(1) no change or alteration may be made in the Freedom Center facility except with the agreement of the property owner and the Secretary;

(2) the Secretary shall have the right of access at reasonable times to the public portions of the Freedom Center facility for interpretive and other purposes; and

(3) conversion, use, or disposal of the Freedom Center facility for purposes contrary to the purposes of this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall result in a right of the United States to compensation equal to the greater of—

(A) all Federal funds made available to the grantee under this Act; or

(B) the proportion of the increased value of the Freedom Center facility attributable to such funds, as determined at the time of such conversion, use, or disposal.

#### SEC. 5. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Freedom Center may engage in any activity related to its objectives addressed in section 2(a), including, but not limited to, construction of the Freedom Center facility, development of programs and exhibits related to the history of the Underground Railroad, research, collection of information and artifacts and educational activities related to the history of the Underground Railroad, and any administrative activities necessary to the operation of the Freedom Center.

(b) PRIORITIES.—The Freedom Center shall give priority to—

(1) construction of the Freedom Center facility;

(2) development of programs and exhibits to be presented in or from the Freedom Center facility; and

(3) providing assistance to the National Park Service in the implementation of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act (16 U.S.C. 4691).