

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817 schools in West Virginia.

I equally commend the students and parents of Mount Nebo Elementary for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future.

Efforts to bring superior education to all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mount Nebo Elementary.

JAMES PEAK WILDERNESS AND PROTECTION AREA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the House passed this bill earlier this week. While it was discussed at some length on the floor, and is further explained in the report of the Resources Committee, for the benefit of all with an interest in it here is an outline of the main provisions of the bill.

In this outline, I am including the latest acreage numbers by the Forest Service, based on more precise estimates they have made while developing the official map of the lands affected by the bill. I am including these because, of course, where the acreage estimates in the bill text are different, it is the map that will control and will show exactly what the bill would do.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS SHORT TITLE

Section 1: provides a short title, namely James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area Act.

WILDERNESS

Section 2 amends two previous wilderness Acts; the effect is to (1) designate about 17,000 acres in Boulder, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties, Colorado, as the "James Peak Wilderness"; and (2) enlarge the Indian Peaks Wilderness by addition of three tracts that in total amount to about 3,350 acres.

PROTECTION AREA

Section 3 designates about 19,000 acres of national forest land as the "James Peak Protection Area". Except as provided in this section, the protection area is to be managed in accordance with the relevant management prescriptions identified in the 1997 revision of the forest plan for the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest. The principal exceptions specified in the section include—

(1) **WITHDRAWAL.**—The entire protection area is withdrawn, subject to valid existing rights, from all forms of appropriation or disposal under the public land laws as well as from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and from operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws;

(2) **TIMBER HARVEST.**—The entire protection area is closed to timber harvesting except to the extent needed for insect or disease control projects, hazardous fuel reduction or other measures for control of fire, or protection of the public health and safety;

(3) **RETENTION.**—The United States must retain all its right, title, and interest in

lands within the boundaries of the protection area, including both those held as of the date of enactment and those acquired thereafter.

(4) **SPECIAL INTEREST MANAGEMENT.**—The "special interest area" management prescriptions identified in the forest plan as applicable to certain lands are also made applicable to additional contiguous lands, as indicated on a referenced map of the protection area. Together, these lands add up to about 7,000 acres.

ROADS, TRAILS, AND VEHICLES

Section 3 also includes provisions specifically related to use of lands within the protection area by motorized and mechanized vehicles, including—

(1) **INVENTORY.**—Subsection 3(d)(1)(C) provides for a review and inventory of existing roads and trails in a portion of the protection area where use was officially allowed by the Forest Service on September 10, 2001. Lands subject to the "special interest area" management prescriptions are excluded from this process. The intention is that in conducting this review and inventory the Forest Service involve the public so that all interested groups and individuals are consulted and included in this process. The review and inventory are to be completed within two years after enactment of the bill, and during that period the Forest Service is authorized to connect existing roads and trails in the area subject to the review and inventory to other existing roads and trails in that area, so long as there is no net gain in the mileage of either roads or trails open to public use in that area. The purpose of this authorization is to enable the Forest Service to provide a more functional and ecologically sound but not more extensive network of transportation routes in this part of the protection area.

(2) **CLOSURE.**—Subsection 3(d)(1)(C) also authorizes closure or removal of existing roads or trails anywhere in the protection area that the Forest Service determines to be undesirable, except as specified in subsection 3(d)(2) or subsection 3(e)(3). The intention is that roads and trails closed under this authority will be removed and revegetated in a way that assures their full rehabilitation and restricts them from further use.

(3) **PROHIBITION ON NEW ROADS AND TRAILS.**—Subsection 3(d)(1)(D) prohibits establishment of new roads or trails in the protection area, subject to certain specified exceptions, including an allowance for non-permanent roads and trails that will be retained only for the period needed for temporary management purposes.

WATER

Subsection 3(d)(e) deals with the relationship between the protection area and water rights.

It specifies that the bill (1) does not constitute an express or implied reservation of any water or water rights with respect to lands in the protection area; (2) will not affect any existing water rights in Colorado; (3) will not limit, alter, modify, or amend any interstate compacts or equitable apportionment decrees that apportion water among and between Colorado and other states; and (4) does not constitute a precedent with respect to any future protection area designation.

The subsection also requires the Secretary of Agriculture to follow Colorado law in order to obtain any new water rights with respect to the protection area, and explicitly states (in paragraph (3)) that the bill will have no effect on existing water facilities or infrastructure, or associated water-related property, interests, and uses, in the portion of the protection area not subject to the "special interest area" management prescriptions.

With regard to the provisions related to water facilities or infrastructure, it should be noted that this part of the National Forest has been a municipal watershed for the City and County of Denver and other communities for more than eight decades, without serious adverse effects on the resources and values of these lands. Section 3(e)(3) is included to make clear that nothing in this bill will interfere with the continuation of that use. Toward that end, it specifies that the bill will not interfere with operation and maintenance of water facilities and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the Moffat Tunnel, the Fraser River Water Collection system or the Englewood water collection system. Nothing in the bill will give the Forest Service any additional rights of oversight, regulation or acquisition in regard to any water facilities located in the protection area. As a result, access to such facilities, as well as any necessary work in connection with them—including construction or repair of roads or other uses of rights-of-way—will continue to be subject only to any conditions or restrictions that would have been applicable or could become applicable in the absence of this legislation.

INHOLDINGS

Section 4 addresses non-federal lands located within the protection area. It provides for acquisition of any such lands by the United States by purchase or exchange with the consent of the owner, a report to Congress concerning the status of negotiations toward that end, and for management of any such lands as part of the protection area upon their acquisition by the United States.

FALL RIVER TRAILHEAD

Section 5 directs the Forest Service to locate a new trailhead and appropriate attendant facilities in the Fall River basin area southeast of the James Peak Wilderness Area. The Forest Service is to consult with Clear Creek County, local communities and the interested public on the location and establishment of this trailhead. The purpose of this trailhead is to provide access to this region of the James Peak Wilderness Area while also alleviating impacts to the communities of Alice Township and St. Mary's Glacier from wilderness use and recreation.

LOOP TRAIL STUDY

Section 6 directs the Forest Service to undertake a study to determine whether or not it would be both feasible and desirable to establish within the protection area a loop trail for non-motorized recreational use that would connect the existing "Rogers Pass" trail and the existing "Rollins Pass" road. This study is to be done in consultation with interest parties, which the Committee intends will result in a thorough public-involvement process. It is important to note that neither this section nor the provisions for review and inventory in section 3(d)(1)(C) presume that mechanized recreation will be permitted on the existing Rogers Pass trail. Instead, ultimate decisions regarding such use and management will be made by the Forest Service consistent with the 1997 Forest Plan and the provisions of the bill.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Subsection 7(a) specifies that the bill's designation of wilderness will not result in the creation of buffer zones outside the boundaries of the wilderness areas.

Subsection 7(b) provides for technical assistance with respect to repair of the Rollins Pass road, if requested by one or more of the affected counties. The intention is that if the Rollins Pass road is reopened the cut-offs, bypasses and detours that have been created by motorized and mechanized vehicles will be closed so that the impacts caused by these detours are halted and the affected lands can

recover and be restored to their natural character.

WILDERNESS POTENTIAL

Subsection 8(a) makes clear that nothing in the bill will preclude or restrict the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to evaluate the suitability of lands in the protection area for future wilderness designation or to make recommendations to Congress for such designation at any time. Subsection 8(b) specifies that such evaluation of the part of the protection area subject to "special interest area" management prescriptions shall be done in connection with the first revision of the relevant forest plan after the date of enactment of the bill.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN DICK ARMEY

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend and colleague DICK ARMEY, the distinguished Majority Leader. DICK and I have been kindred souls in our quest for greater fiscal restraint, lower taxes and removing the government imposed barriers that restrain the growth of our economy. He has been a leader in promoting growth through supply-side economics and advocated a fairer, flatter, and simpler tax code. These are positions that I hope those who follow him to Congress in the years to come will continue to fight for.

Both of us are educators by trade and brought the valuable experiences learned in the classroom to the Halls of Congress. I am certain that DICK was a great educator. I'm sure his quick wit and command of the subjects he taught were thoroughly appreciated by his students. I know that his command of the issues and his ability to lead are appreciated by his colleagues. I also know that I will miss fighting the good fight for a better America with my friend DICK ARMEY.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HAROLD L. "SPIKE" YOH, RECIPIENT OF THE JOHN J. JONES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the recent winner of the National Defense Industrial Association's John J. Jones Award for Outstanding Contributions to our National Defense, Mr. Harold L. "Spike" Yoh.

Under the leadership of Spike Yoh, Day & Zimmermann, Inc. has made and continues to make significant and exceptional contributions to our national security. Among these, Day & Zimmermann established new safety and production standards for the munitions industry, and provided vital support for our efforts during the Gulf War.

Spike Yoh's contribution to the United States extends to our economy and commu-

nity, as well. Under his guidance, Day & Zimmermann grew 1000 percent and now employs over 24,000 personnel, performing \$1.5 billion in professional services for clients in 45 states and 15 countries. Though most prominent for its engineering and plant operation services, Day & Zimmermann also oversees 25 subsidiaries providing construction management, technical personnel, security, clerical, marine transportation, maintenance, defense systems, and information services.

Through all this, Spike has maintained a standard of excellence that places Day & Zimmermann once again in a position to support our troops as we wage war on terrorism. In addition, his legacy of generosity and community service is an example to all of what our citizenship demands. During this dangerous and uncertain time, when our future depends on our continued vigilance and ability to serve, Spike Yoh stands as a leader, giving us confidence that we can skillfully weather the challenges ahead.

IN HONOR OF PROF. TIBERIUS HUMITA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to give special recognition to a very dear friend of mine, a living icon of idealistic political activism, Professor Tiberius Humita. Born in Romania, Tiberius has always been on the cutting edge of social activism. From his days as a youth in Bucharest, to his time as a political refugee in Germany during WWII, to his support of progressive candidates back in Michigan, Tiberius has always stood out as a leader and an example of what it takes to institute positive change. In March of 1997, Tiberius wrote a brief article about his life. It was published in the American Romanian News, and tells the fascinating story of this man's courage and selflessness. There is no better way to describe this man's contribution to the world. I encourage all of you to read the story of Prof. Tiberius Humita. He is from a generation that had to fight for their freedom, and risk their lives for a greater cause. May his tale put in perspective just what it is we are doing here in the halls of the greatest Democracy the world has ever known.

PROHIBIT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ANY ORGANIZATION ENGAGING IN ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH HUMAN CLONING

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation prohibiting federal funding for any organization that engages in human cloning or human cloning techniques. Moral and legal questions surrounding human cloning are among the most contentious and divisive facing America today. However, I hope we can all agree that no American should be forced to subsidize this activity.

Some believe the current prohibition on the use of federal funds for cloning and cloning research is sufficient protection for those taxpayers who object to cloning. However, this argument is flawed for two reasons. First, the current ban is not permanent and thus could be changed at will by a future Congress or administration. Second, because money is fungible, current law does not necessarily prevent federal funds from subsidizing cloning. After all, whenever a company that engages in cloning research receives federal dollars for any project, the company obviously then has more dollars available to use for cloning. Therefore, any federal funding for companies that engage in human cloning forces taxpayers to subsidize those activities. Thus, the only way to ensure that no American is forced to pay for cloning research is to eliminate all federal funding of such companies or organizations.

Thomas Jefferson said "To compel a man to furnish contributions for the promulgation of ideas he disbelieves is both sinful and tyrannical." I hope my colleagues will embrace the spirit of Jefferson and join me in ending the sinful and tyrannical practice of forcing taxpayers to subsidize a practice so many find abhorrent. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and forbid federal funds from going to any company which engages in human cloning.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LINDA MALINSKY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from Mancos Valley, Colorado, Linda Malinsky. Throughout the years, Linda has been a model citizen of the community by selflessly donating her time and efforts to needy organizations and seniors throughout the area. I would like now to highlight several of her efforts and commend Linda on her accomplishments.

Linda is known as a person with a kind heart and gentle soul who dedicates most of her time to the Valley Inn Nursing Home. At the home, she serves as the Social Services Director, providing her energies to ensure the continuation of a high quality of life for seniors in the home and in the area. When she is not at the home, she stays fully occupied by providing her amazing voice to her local church and other groups. Her voice is well known in the area and many of her listeners relish her sound as relaxing and soothing to the mind and spirit. In her desire to further help the elderly and provide healthcare to those in need, Linda organizes the annual Alzheimer's Walk in Boyle Park. She volunteers all her time and efforts to the charity, which annually raises thousands of dollars to fight the debilitating disease.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Malinsky is a model citizen of the community and her hard work and efforts have not been overlooked. She has recently been named as the Citizen of the Year by the Mancos Valley Chamber of Commerce honoring Linda for her dedication to seniors in the area. I would like to congratulate Linda on her efforts and her recent award, wish her