

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation; and I want to commend the chairman, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO), and the ranking member, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ), for their leadership of the Committee on Small Business and the expeditious as well as impartial way in which they handle our business. I think it is a testament to their leadership that both these bills are on the floor today, and I simply commend them.

I also want to commend the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY). He has put his finger right on a tremendous need. I interact with many small business operations, with many trades persons, and I can guarantee the moment this legislation is put into effect the Chicago Public School System, the Chicago Federation of Labor, the City Colleges of Chicago, and many other small units in the area where I live and work will pounce on it as a godsend and a lifesaver.

I also want to commend the gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY), because he also put his finger on another great need, and that is the need to help small businesses comply with the myriad of regulations that they sometimes have to go through and really have difficulty figuring out what to do. So this is a great day, I think, for small business and a great day for the Committee on Small Business. And so I commend all those involved.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS).

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I commend my colleagues for bringing H.R. 2666 forward. There probably is no better time, Mr. Speaker, for us to bring this forward than today.

We know entrepreneurship makes our country great. In San Diego, there are many new businesses in technological and biological fields that have mushroomed as an impetus for our robust economy. We know at the university level, San Diego State University's highly acclaimed business administration school has an entire program teaching its students the skills of entrepreneurship, and that is why it is so important we resolve and bring this measure forward today because it provides the equity we all need for making such critical training available to students of vocational and technical schools.

I know as a school board member that we often wrestled with the programs that were coming forward, actually bringing students often out of the vocational arena. We need to value their creativity and their moxie, their desire to really have an impact, to have their own businesses and to bring their creativity and often their risk-taking into this arena and make this kind of training available to them.

So I applaud my colleagues for this. We need to provide for all business en-

trepreneurs at all educational levels as we move forward with these kinds of initiatives.

Included in this initiative is a report back to the Congress in 18 months, and I will certainly be very interested in learning what became of these dollars. Often we do not always know. It will give us an opportunity to look at the great improvements and the successes that came out of the program and give us an opportunity to learn as well from the students, from the people that were involved.

I know that we are going to have many new businesses created out of this initiative, and I look forward to seeing that happen.

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

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I simply want to thank the chairman and ranking member and the staff of the Committee on Small Business for allowing this bill to come to the floor today.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2666, 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.

VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE ACT

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2385) to convey certain property to the City of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2385

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 "Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve Act".

SEC. 2. VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT TO PURCHASE FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.**—As soon as is practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, if the City agrees to the conditions set forth in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior may award to the City a grant equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the fair market value of up to 10 acres of land (and all related facilities and other appurtenances thereon) generally depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve", numbered 09/06/2001-A, for purchase of that property.

(b) **CONDITIONS OF GRANT.**—The grant under subsection (a) shall be made only after the City agrees to the following conditions:

(1) **USE OF LAND.**—The City shall use the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve in a manner that accomplishes the following:

(A) Preserves and protects the paleontological resources located within the exterior boundaries of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve.

(B) Provides opportunities for scientific research in a manner compatible with subparagraph (A).

(C) Provides the public with opportunities for educational activities in a manner compatible with subparagraph (A).

(2) **REVERTER.**—If at any time after the City acquires the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve, the Secretary determines that the City is not substantially in compliance with the conditions described in paragraph (1), all right, title, and interest in and to the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve shall immediately revert to the United States, with no further consideration on the part of the United States, and such property shall then be under the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

(3) **CONDITIONS TO BE CONTAINED IN DEED.**—If the City attempts to transfer title to the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve (in whole or in part), the conditions set forth in this subsection shall transfer with such title and shall be enforceable against any subsequent owner of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve (in whole or in part).

(c) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE.**—

(1) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**—The Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the City for the management of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve by the City.

(2) **ASSISTANCE.**—The Secretary may provide to the City—

(A) financial assistance, if the Secretary determines that such assistance is necessary for protection of the paleontological resources located within the exterior boundaries of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve; and

(B) technical assistance to assist the City in complying with subparagraphs (A) through (C) of subsection (b)(1).

(3) **ADDITIONAL GRANTS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In addition to funds made available under subsection (a) and paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary may provide grants to the City to carry out its duties under the cooperative agreement entered into under paragraph (1).

(B) **LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; REQUIRED NON-FEDERAL MATCH.**—Grants under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed \$500,000 and shall be provided only to the extent that the City matches the amount of such grants with non-Federal contributions (including in-kind contributions).

(d) **MAP ON FILE.**—The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Department of the Interior.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) **CITY.**—The term "City" means the city of St. George, Utah.

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

(3) **VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.**—The term "Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve" means the property (and all facilities and other appurtenances thereon) described in subsection (a).

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) 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, a very unique thing happened a little over a year ago in St.

George, Utah. That is in Washington County. There was a retired ophthalmologist by the name of Dr. Sheldon Johnson. He had some property to the east of St. George and wanted to level it. So he had a backhoe and all the necessary things, a front loader. He was working there, and he had gone down about 10 feet and all of the sudden he came to some very large flat rocks. He turned one over and lo and behold he found dinosaur prints like the one sitting right here.

This dinosaur print is one of the most unique ones that I think has ever been found in America. He was a little nervous about it so he kept turning others over. Before long there was actually dozens of dinosaur prints. There was not only prints like this one, but there was tail drags and the whole thing. He said, What have I found here? I found something quite amazing.

Paleontologists started coming from all around the world. In fact, over 50 countries have been here. They looked at these things and said, They have to be preserved. Dr. Johnson is sitting there, not knowing what to do with these things. He goes to the State and the State people say, That is wonderful. All the universities say, This is a wonderful thing to see. People come from France and say, This has to be preserved. But no one figures out how to do it because this is the up side of the print and not the down side. When it is sitting there, rain, wind other things start to erode it.

Dr. Johnson is sitting there with his wife. He has got literally thousands of people, over 150,000 people from 54 countries, standing there wanting to see this fabulous find of Dr. Johnson. How does he do it? The city said, Dr. Johnson, we would like to help you. The county says the same thing. The State says the same thing. So we took a look at it and said, If this is really the find of the century regarding this thing, something ought to be done.

As you know, our current President probably is not as inclined to make monuments as our past President, who was very good at making monuments. He could make 10 a day without any trouble whatsoever. But this President was not inclined to do it. He decided it should be done a different way. We thought maybe it would be a good idea if we made kind of a coordinated effort between the Federal Government, who in this bill is authorizing \$500,000 to help out, the State of Utah, universities, and countries who have come up with a combined effort to be able to display these.

A lot of people have asked, Are there more? Well, there could be dozens of them for all we know. We are all nervous about turning over any more rocks until someone figures out a way to take care of these things. This is a good step forward without the Federal Government coming in with their huge resources and spending any hard-earned money we take out of the Park Service to figure out a way to do this.

This bill, H.R. 2385, as amended, would authorize up to \$500,000 to the City of St. George to facilitate and purchase up to 10 acres of land where the footprints and tail drags are located for the protection of this resource.

Mr. Speaker, I think this would be a good thing to do. It is interesting to see how many people come to visit. You go down there and there are actually bus loads and bus loads of yellow school buses and children spilling out to see this. There are people coming in so that we have to have interpreters there to speak their language because they want to see this. So we do not really have a way to take care of this, and this is starting to get it going.

Dr. Johnson wanted to send this out to all the Members of Congress so they can see what it actually looks like to see prints. This is the first time they have even had the toe nails in the prints and the tail drags and things like that. This unique experience happened to this retired ophthalmologist 5 miles east of St. George. Now we have a chance to preserve this for time and all eternity, and people can come to see it.

I would suggest to the House that this is one of those better things that we could be doing right now to help out something that people will come from all over to see it.

Mr. Speaker, I think this is interesting because just outside of St. George this little thing has created worldwide attention. People from South Africa have come there, people from Brazil, people from Australia, New Zealand. We will now ask some of them to pony-up a few bucks to help this thing out.

Mr. Speaker, it is interesting that in September of 1996 the President created the Grand Staircase Escalante, 1.7 million acres; and all that money has gone into it and all that work has gone into it. In the short time this has been around, it has had a higher visitation than the Grand Staircase. Of course, there is nothing to see in the Grand Staircase but sagebrush, but maybe some people want to see that.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I am just as fascinated by this find as our esteemed chairman.

H.R. 2358, as reported by the Committee on Resources, is a bipartisan proposal to provide the technical and financial assistance for the preservation of important paleontological resources that have been found in the district of the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

The private property in question contains dinosaur tracks that have been seen that were discovered last year. It was evident from our hearing on H.R. 2385 before the Committee on Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands that this was a very interesting

and exciting dinosaur-related find. However, the original proposal to buy the site and give the land to the city of St. George, Utah, was highly unusual.

The administration, while generally supportive, also had a number of concerns with the bill as drafted.

The gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN) and members of his staff worked closely with the minority and the administration to address the concerns of the bill. As a result, an amendment in the nature of a substitute was adopted by the Committee on Resources that incorporated the suggestions made by the minority regarding the acquisition of this site, as well as the changes suggested by the administration.

I believe that the committee amendment significantly improves the bill and would provide a very efficient way to assist in the preservation of the unique and well-preserved dinosaur tracks in Utah. I appreciate the willingness of the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN) and his staff to address the issues identified with his legislation. I support the passage of H.R. 2385 and commend our chairman on this project.

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

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH), the new chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I lend my support to this bill. I believe it is a rare opportunity to protect these resources by creating a long-lasting public-private partnership that will protect these fossils, while at the same time provide opportunities for the scientific community to study these important findings and allow the general public rare glimpses into life during the Jurassic Period. I think it is exceptional that this is getting more attendance than the Grand Escalante Staircase Monument.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 2385.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MATHESON).

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, today we have an opportunity to pass legislation that will truly preserve history. Not our history, but the history of the Earth over 200 million years ago, the history of the dinosaurs.

200 million years ago, scientists believe that the redrock desert of Southern Utah was part of a large shallow lake. Dinosaurs fed at the shoreline of this lake. They walked this Earth, and they left their tracks.

Early last spring, in a time far removed from the dinosaurs, a retired ophthalmologist living in St. George, Utah, began leveling out a part of his yard and discovered what is now being cited as one of the best collections of dinosaur footprints ever on Earth.

These 150 footprints show the tracks of multiple species of dinosaurs. They are detailed, revealing claws, three toes, and the joints where dinosaurs may have crouched down.

Paleontologists currently believe these footprints may be a record of the first meat eater in the dinosaur age and potentially include a previously unknown species.

Since the discovery of these tracks, Dr. Sheldon Johnson and his wife, LaVerna, have generously shown thousands of visitors through their property to see the tracks. In one 2-week period, over 12,000 people journeyed to Southern Utah to witness this amazing discovery.

Despite the individual generosity of the Johnsons, in the long term these tracks must be preserved. This bill will allow the appropriate preservation of these tracks in the necessary condition. It will help the city of St. George cope with the visitors, and it will leave a history of dinosaurs preserved for over 200 million years for many more generations to discover.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support this legislation, and I personally look forward to visiting this site often during my frequent trips to the St. George area.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and 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. 2385, 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.

TOMAS G. MASARYK MEMORIAL

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1161) to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1161

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Government of the Czech Republic is authorized to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk on the Federal land in the District of Columbia.

(b) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMORATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the memorial shall be in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), except that sections 2(c), 6(b), 8(b), and 10(c) of that Act shall not apply with respect to the memorial.

(c) LIMITATION ON PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—The United States Government shall not pay

any expense for the establishment of the memorial or its maintenance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1161 introduced by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) would authorize a memorial to be built on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor Tomas G. Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Masaryk embodies the close ties between the governments of the United States and Czechoslovakia. He was well acquainted with the United States from repeated trips to this country over the period of 4 decades as a philosopher, scholar, and teacher.

President Masaryk's close personal relationship with many Americans, including President Woodrow Wilson, ultimately led to the recognition by the United States of a free Czechoslovakia in 1918.

The bill, as introduced, specified an exact location for the memorial, but was later amended to merely state that the memorial would be established on Federal land in the District of Columbia and that the memorial would be in compliance with the Commemorative Works Act.

Moreover, the passage of this bill would not result in any expense to the Federal Government. The bill, as amended, specifies that the United States will pay no expenses associated with the establishment or maintenance of the memorial.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is not controversial. It is supported by the majority and minority of the Committee on Resources and the administration. I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 1161, as amended.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new chairman of the Subcommittee on Parks and Public Lands, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH), to his chairmanship of the subcommittee. I look forward to working with the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, Tomas G. Masaryk was a professor of philosophy who became the first President of Czechoslovakia and served in that capacity until ill health forced his retirement in 1935.

Based on his public service and writings, which include the Czechoslovakian Declaration of Independence, many have referred to Masaryk as the father of democratic Czechoslovakia.

H.R. 1161, as introduced, authorizes the American Friends of the Czech Re-

public to establish a memorial to Tomas G. Masaryk on a specific parcel of Federal land at 19th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue here in Washington, D.C. The legislation stated that the memorial would be established in accordance with the Commemorative Works Act, and that it would be funded privately.

Clearly, Mr. Masaryk is an important and compelling figure not only in Czech history but in the history of democracy. However, in order for the legislation to achieve its own stated goal in order to comply with the Commemorative Works Act, the bill was amended during consideration by the Committee on Resources. The amendment removed the language identifying the specific site of the memorial and included language making clear that the memorial is to be a gift from the Government of the Czech Republic.

Mr. Speaker, with these amendments, we support H.R. 1161.

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

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, the sponsor of this legislation, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), has been detained; and he will be producing a statement for the RECORD.

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS).

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1161, to authorize the American Friends of the Czech Republic to establish a memorial to honor Tomas G. Masaryk in the District of Columbia. Tomas Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia, stands in history as the embodiment of the close ties between the United States and Czechoslovakia. H.R. 1161 celebrates Tomas Masaryk's life achievements and quest for democracy, peace, freedom and humanity. The statue of Mr. Masaryk exemplifies the democratic ideal best expressed by his words, "Not with violence but with love, not with sword but with plow, not with blood but with work, not with death but with life, that is the answer to Czech geniuses, the meaning of our history and the heritage of our ancestors."

I have a community in the neighborhood where I live and the district where I represent who are descendants of Czech heritage. On behalf of all of them, I would urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 1161.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Chairman of the House Resources Committee, Representative JAMES HANSEN and Ranking Member, Representative NICK RAHALL, National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Subcommittee Chairman RADANOVICH, and former Chairman HEFLEY who were instrumental in bringing H.R. 1161 before us today. I would also like to express my thanks to the leadership for bringing H.R. 1161 to the Suspensions Calendar today.