

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 9, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 471]

YEAS—400

Abercrombie Dingell Jones (OH)
Ackerman Doggett Kanjorski
Aderholt Dooley Kaptur
Akin Doolittle Keller
Allen Doyle Kelly
Army Dreier Kennedy (MN)
Baca Duncan Kennedy (RI)
Bachus Dunn Kerns
Baird Edwards Kildee
Baker Ehlers Kilpatrick
Baldacci Ehrlich Kind (WI)
Baldwin Emerson King (NY)
Ballenger Engel Kirk
Barcia English Kleczka
Barrett Eshoo Knollenberg
Bartlett Etheridge Kolbe
Barton Evans LaFalce
Bass Everrett LaHood
Becerra Farr Lampson
Bentsen Fattah Langevin
Bereuter Ferguson Lantos
Berkley Filner Largent
Berman Fletcher Larsen (WA)
Biggart Forbes Larson (CT)
Bilirakis Ford Latham
Bishop Fossella Leach
Blagojevich Frank Lee
Blumenauer Frelinghuysen Levin
Blunt Frost Lewis (CA)
Boehlert Gallegly Lewis (GA)
Boehner Ganske Lewis (KY)
Bonior Gekas Linder
Bono Gephardt Lipinski
Boozman Gibbons LoBiondo
Borski Gilchrest Lofgren
Boswell Gillmor Lowey
Boucher Gilman Lucas (KY)
Boyd Gonzalez Lucas (OK)
Brady (PA) Goodlatte Luther
Brady (TX) Gordon Lynch
Brown (FL) Goss Maloney (CT)
Brown (OH) Graham Maloney (NY)
Brown (SC) Granger Manullo
Bryant Graves Markey
Burr Green (TX) Mascara
Burton Green (WI) Matheson
Buyer Greenwood Matsui
Callahan Gucci McCarthy (MO)
Calvert Gutknecht McCarthy (NY)
Cannon Hall (OH) McCollum
Cantor Hall (TX) McCreery
Capito Hansen McDermott
Capps Harman McGovern
Capuano Hart McHugh
Cardin Hastings (FL) McInnis
Carson (IN) Hastings (WA) McIntyre
Carson (OK) Hayes McKeon
Castle Hayworth McKinney
Chabot Hefley McNulty
Chambliss Hill Meeks (NY)
Clay Hilleary Menendez
Clayton Hilliard Mica
Clement Hinchey Millender-
Clyburn Hinojosa McDonald
Coble Hobson Miller, Dan
Combust Hoefel Miller, Gary
Condit Hoekstra Miller, George
Conyers Holden Miller, Jeff
Cooksey Holt Mink
Costello Honda Mollohan
Cox Hookey Moore
Coyne Horn Moran (KS)
Cramer Houghton Moran (VA)
Crane Hoyer Morella
Crenshaw Hulshof Murtha
Crowley Hunter Myrick
Culberson Hyde Nadler
Cummings Inslee Napolitano
Cunningham Isakson Neal
Davis (CA) Israel Nethercutt
Davis (FL) Issa Northup
Davis (IL) Istook Norwood
Davis, Jo Ann Jackson (IL) Nussle
Davis, Tom Jackson-Lee
Deal (TX) Oberstar
DeGette Jefferson Obey
Delahunt Jenkins Olver
DeLauro John Ortiz
DeLay Johnson (CT) Osborne
DeMint Johnson (IL) Ose
Deutsch Johnson, E. B. Otter
Diaz-Balart Jones (NC) Owens
Oxley

Pallone Sandlin Taylor (MS)
Pascarell Sawyer Taylor (NC)
Pastor Schaffer Terry
Payne Schakowsky Thomas
Pelosi Schiff Thompson (CA)
Pence Schrock Thompson (MS)
Peterson (MN) Scott Thornberry
Peterson (PA) Sensenbrenner Thune
Petri Serrano Thurman
Phelps Shadegg Tiahrt
Pickering Shaw Tiberi
Keller Shays Tierney
Platts Sherman Toomey
Pombo Sherwood Towns
Pomeroy Shimkus Traficant
Portman Shows Turner
Price (NC) Shuster Udall (CO)
Pryce (OH) Simmons Udall (NM)
Putnam Simpson Upton
Radanovich Skeen Velazquez
Rahall Skelton Visclosky
Ramstad Slaughter Vitter
Rangel Smith (MI) Walden
Regula Smith (NJ) Walsh
Rehberg Smith (TX) Wamp
Reynolds Smith (WA) Waters
Riley Snyder Watkins (OK)
Rivers Solis Watson (CA)
Rodriguez Souder Watt (NC)
Roemer Spratt Watts (OK)
Rogers (KY) Stark Weiner
Rogers (MI) Stearns Weldon (FL)
Ros-Lehtinen Stenholm Weller
Ross Strickland Wexler
Rothman Stump Whitfield
Roybal-Allard Stupak Wicker
Royce Sununu Wilson
Rush Sweeney Wolf
Ryan (WI) Tancredo Woolsey
Ryun (KS) Tanner Wu
Sabo Tauscher Wynn
Sanders Tauzin Young (FL)

NAYS—9

Barr Collins Herger
Berry Flake Paul
Bonilla Goode Rohrabacher

NOT VOTING—24

Andrews Johnson, Sam Reyes
Camp Kingston Roukema
Cubin Kucinich Sanchez
DeFazio LaTourette Saxton
Dicks Meehan Sessions
Foley Meek (FL) Waxman
Gutierrez Ney Weldon (PA)
Hostettler Quinn Young (AK)

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the concurrent resolution was amended so as to read: "Concurrent resolution encouraging the development of strategies to reduce hunger and poverty, and to promote free market economies and democratic institutions, in sub-Saharan Africa."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

BEAR RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD REFUGE VISITOR CENTER ACT

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3322) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct an education and administrative center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3322

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 "Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Visitor Center Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Bear River marshes have been a historical waterfowl oasis and an important inland waterfowl flyway for thousands of years.

(2) Congress created the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge as one of the first National Wildlife Refuges, for the purpose of protecting waterfowl habitat and migratory birds, educating the public regarding, and enhancing public appreciation of, waterfowl habitat and migratory birds.

(3) The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge was virtually destroyed by the devastating floods that occurred between 1983 and 1985.

(4) Refuge employees, aided by volunteers, have taken valiant actions to rebuild the Refuge by restoring habitat, increasing its attractiveness to waterfowl, reducing waterfowl botulism, and providing recreational and educational opportunities to the public.

(5) The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge lacks a functional education and administrative center.

(6) The creation of such a facility would significantly enhance public appreciation of waterfowl and the need to preserve waterfowl habitat.

(7) Congress has taken significant steps to provide funding for the construction of an education and administrative center.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Act, the following definitions apply:

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

(2) REFUGE.—The term "Refuge" means the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah.

(3) EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER.—The term "Education and Administrative Center" means the facility identified in the Environmental Assessment dated 1991 and entitled "Restoration and Expansion of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge".

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE EDUCATION CENTER.

(a) CONSTRUCTION.—The Secretary shall construct the Education and Administrative Center at the Refuge for the purposes of providing for the interpretation of resources of the Refuge for the education and benefit of the public, the advancement of research, protection, and health of waterfowl habitat, and for the administration of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$11,000,000 to carry out subsection (a).

SEC. 5. MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIREMENTS.

(a) DONATION OF FUNDS AND SERVICES.—The Secretary may accept donations of funds and services from nonprofit organizations, State and local governments, and private citizens for the construction of the Education and Administrative Center.

(b) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Secretary may not require matching funds or contributions in kind with a combined total value of more than \$1,500,000 for construction of the Education and Administrative Center.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

The Bear River marshes in the northern portion of the Great Salt Lake have been a waterfowl oasis and an important inland waterfowl flyway for centuries, and I am pleased that the House is taking action to improve research opportunities and educational experiences at the refuge.

To give a little history of the Bear River marshes, in 1843, explorer John C. Fremont described the area by saying "The waterfowl made a noise like thunder, as the whole scene was animated with waterfowl." Later, settlers moved in and began draining the marshes so slowly that no one noticed until 1910 when botulism killed over 2 million birds and another deadly outbreak in 1920 killed 1.5 million birds. In 1928, at the urging of many individuals and organizations, Congress turned this unique area into a National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge soon became a popular attraction for various groups from sportsmen and school groups to wildlife photographers.

Then came Utah's 100-year floods of 1983 and 1985 when there was a man-made river running down State Street in Salt Lake City and Glen Canyon Dam was spilling over. Those wet years also caused the rising Great Salt Lake to breach the refuge dikes and salt-water contaminated wildlife habitat, destroyed marsh vegetation and destroyed the newly constructed visitors and administrative facilities.

In 1989, the water finally receded, and since that time refuge employees and scores of volunteers have worked tirelessly cleaning debris, moving 1 million cubic yards of earth, restoring 47 water control structures and 47 miles of dikes, and purchasing easements to restore the habitat to its previous condition.

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Mr. Speaker, thanks to their good efforts, the refuge once again attracts hundreds of waterfowl and an increasing number of human visitors. There are 221 species of birds that have been recorded at the refuge, and 206 of those constantly come back each year. However, the refuge still lacks a functional education and administrative center which denies the public a rich educational opportunity.

I have worked with my colleagues on the Committee on Appropriations and with the Senate Committee on Appropriations to provide funding for the re-

construction of these facilities. Local communities, the Friends of Bear River Bird Refuge and other nonprofit groups have demonstrated their interest and dedication to a research and education center by raising an additional \$1.5 million for the project.

This bill recognizes the efforts of the refuge staff, the community, and the local Friends group to rebuild the refuge. Between the prior appropriations and the contribution from local supporters, over 80 percent of the funding has already been secured. This is a good bill.

Finally, I would like to compliment Al Trout, the refuge manager, who has worked so diligently to put this together, a truly dedicated public servant.

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 pleased to support the legislation of the distinguished gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) which would authorize the construction of a new education and administrative center at one of our Nation's oldest migratory bird refuges. It was unfortunate that floods destroyed the center nearly 18 years ago. I understand the frustration of the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that a new facility has not been built to replace the original building.

As Members may recall, the 1997 National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act established environmental education and resource interpretation as priority uses at all national wildlife refuges. Education centers like the one planned for Bear River are essential to ensure that the Fish and Wildlife Service promotes the wildlife wonders throughout our national wildlife refuge system and generates public awareness and appreciation for these resources.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support this legislation. I look forward to working with both the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and our ranking member, the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL), who adds his commendation and support for the bill to improve visitor services within our national wildlife refuges.

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today in support of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Visitor Center Act. This legislation will allow the Refuge to construct an educational and administrative headquarters. It is my hope that bird enthusiasts throughout the West will be able to come to see the thousands of birds that visit the area each year and hear what explorer John C. Fremont called "a noise like thunder."

The Refuge was created by Congress in 1928 to ensure the survival of the birds and natural wetlands of the area. Unfortunately, due to massive flooding in the 1983 to 1985, the entire Refuge was destroyed and the wetlands completely covered with water.

Today, the Refuge consists of 74,000 acres. In 1993, land acquisition added nearly 9,000

acres of uplands, wetlands, and mudflats. The historic 65,000 acres of the Refuge, consisting mainly of marsh, open water, and mudflats, have slowly seen salt deposits from the flood flushed out. Now, the wetland is on the verge of full recovery, and with marsh plants thriving, birds are returning in increasing numbers to the Refuge.

I am excited to see this legislation come before the body. I strongly believe that this bill will be beneficial to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge habitat by increasing its attractiveness to birds, and to people.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). 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. 3322.

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.

FERN LAKE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2238) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lake and the surrounding watershed in the States of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2238

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 "Fern Lake Conservation and Recreation Act of 2001".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) Fern Lake and its surrounding watershed in Bell County, Kentucky, and Claiborne County, Tennessee, is within the potential boundaries of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park as originally authorized by the Act of June 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 262; 16 U.S.C. 261 et seq.).

(2) The acquisition of Fern Lake and its surrounding watershed and its inclusion in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park would protect the vista from Pinnacle Overlook, which is one of the park's most valuable scenic resources and most popular attractions, and enhance recreational opportunities at the park.

(3) Fern Lake is the water supply source for the city of Middlesboro, Kentucky, and environs.

(4) The 4500-acre Fern Lake watershed is privately owned, and the 150-acre lake and part of the watershed are currently for sale, but the Secretary of the Interior is precluded by the first section of the Act of June 11, 1940 (16 U.S.C. 261), from using appropriated funds to acquire the lands.

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