

ranking member, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. INSLEE), as well as our chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. POMBO) and the ranking member, the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) for making it possible for us to move the bill quickly to the floor of the House.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our colleague, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TANCREDO) whose district abuts our district and without whose help we could not have moved this legislation.

The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. BEAUPREZ) exhaustively and with great detail explained what this measure does. And I wanted to just emphasize that not only does the legislation meet the needs and interest of the city of Golden, but it also benefits the public interest as well. The gentleman explained that this land that would be exchanged helps the Continental Divide Trail so that it can move ahead with the important work that it is doing on a noncash basis. This transfer does not involve resources so they can put them towards completing the trail and maintaining the trail.

It also gives the city of Golden certainty that it can proceed with this project, and if for some reason the exchange cannot be completed, the city will buy the lands. It has made a good faith commitment toward doing this.

In conclusion this is a win-win-win across the board. It will help us respond to what has been an unprecedented drought in our State. It is an example of how, if we work together in Colorado and in this Congress, we can meet the increasing needs for water in the west.

This is a bill that on its surface may appear to be modest, but it is very important for the city of Golden, for our Colorado residents, and for all the Americans who will take advantage of the Continental Divide Trail. I would urge its support and its adoption. It is bipartisan and noncontroversial. I would like to thank, again, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. BEAUPREZ) for his hard work.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2766, 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.

#### BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON BOUNDARY REVISION ACT OF 2003

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate

bill (S. 677) to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 677

*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 "Black Canyon of the Gunnison Boundary Revision Act of 2003".

#### SEC. 2. BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

(a) BOUNDARY REVISION.—Section 4(a) of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999 (16 U.S.C. 410fff-2(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking "There" and inserting "(1) There"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) The boundary of the Park is revised to include the addition of approximately 2,530 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge NCA Boundary Modifications' and dated April 2, 2003."

(b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—On the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transfer the land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management identified as "Tract C" on the map described in subsection (a)(2) to the administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service for inclusion in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5(a)(1) of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999 (16 U.S.C. 410fff-3(a)(1)) is amended by striking "Map" and inserting "Map or the map described in section 4(a)(2)".

#### SEC. 3. GUNNISON GORGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARY REVISION.

Section 7(a) of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999 (16 U.S.C. 410fff-5(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking "There" and inserting "(1) There"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) The boundary of the Conservation Area is revised to include the addition of approximately 7,100 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge NCA Boundary Modifications', and dated April 2, 2003."

#### SEC. 4. GRAZING PRIVILEGES.

(a) TRANSFER OF PRIVILEGES.—Section 4(e)(1) of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999 (16 U.S.C. 410fff-2(e)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(D) If land within the Park on which the grazing of livestock is authorized under permits or leases under subparagraph (A) is exchanged for private land under section 5(a), the Secretary shall transfer any grazing privileges to the land acquired in the exchange."

(b) PRIVILEGES OF CERTAIN PARTNERSHIPS.—Section 4(e)(3) of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999 (16 U.S.C. 410fff-2(e)(3)) is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (A);

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (D);

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

"(B) with respect to the permit or lease issued to LeValley Ranch Ltd., for the lifetime of the last surviving limited partner as of October 21, 1999;

"(C) with respect to the permit or lease issued to Sanburg Herefords, L.L.P., for the lifetime of the last surviving general partner as of October 21, 1999; and"; and

(4) in subparagraph (D) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

(A) by striking "partnership, corporation, or" each place it appears and inserting "corporation or"; and

(B) by striking "subparagraph (A)" and inserting "subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)".

#### SEC. 5. ACCESS TO WATER DELIVERY FACILITIES.

The Commissioner of Reclamation shall retain administrative jurisdiction over the Crystal Dam Access Road and land, facilities, and roads of the Bureau of Reclamation in the East Portal area, including the Gunnison Tunnel, and the Crystal Dam area, as depicted on the map entitled "Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge NCA Boundary Modifications", and dated April 2, 2003, for the maintenance, repair, construction, replacement, and operation of any facilities relating to the delivery of water and power under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) and the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 677.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 677 introduced by Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL of Colorado would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area through various exchanges and purchases with willing sellers.

In addition, S. 677 would authorize the Secretary to transfer lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and ensure that any grazing rights involved in the land transfer would be continued. Finally, Section 5 on the bill clarifies that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation shall have access to and retain jurisdiction over certain roads and areas in the park in addition to roads and facilities in the East portal and Crystal Dam areas.

Mr. Speaker, S. 677 is supported by the administration and the majority and minority of the committee. I urge adoption of the bill.

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

(Mr. UDALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 677 authorizes several additions to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area through a combination of exchanges and acquisitions of both land and conservation easements.

If enacted, the legislation would add more than 2,700 acres of land to the boundary of the National Park and more than 7,000 acres to the boundary of the National Conservation Area while making other technical changes to the management of these areas.

The changes being made in this legislation are supported by the administration, and I am unaware of any controversy regarding this measure.

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

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

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. UDALL).

(Mr. UDALL of Colorado asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman for yielding me time. I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) for his work on behalf of this legislation today.

As a Coloradan but also as an American, I rise to tell the body what a beautiful and unique place the Black Canyon is. This bill which has already passed the Senate, would revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in Colorado. It was introduced by our senior Senator, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. A similar bill was introduced by our colleague here in the House and the chairman of our Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health of the Committee on Resources, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS).

They took the initial lead back in 1999 and 2000 in securing the enactment of the legislation that established the National Conservation Area and redesignated the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park. They deserve our special thanks today for their leadership and then also for making it possible for this bill to be on the House floor today.

The bill today authorizes additions to both the park and the National Conservation Area, the NCA. And according to the Interior Department, these transactions should meet the present and future land requirements for the park.

The present land owners are willing sellers and the legislation is also supported by the Montrose County Commissioners, the Montrose Chamber of Commerce, and the local and national land trusts involved in the project. So you can see it has widespread support.

The bill also provides for the expansion of the conservation area which is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, by the addition of about approximately 5,759 acres that were acquired by the Federal Government in February of 2000 from a willing seller through a land exchange. This acquisition was not completed in time to include the lands within the original conservation area boundaries, so we have come back to the Congress now to make that the law.

The parcel includes approximately five miles of the Gunnison River and provides important resource values and recreational opportunities.

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Finally, there are an additional 1,439 acres of adjacent BLM-managed public lands that are in the public estate, but would now be transferred over to the conservation area.

So, in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, this is a bipartisan, noncontroversial bill. It will add important lands to both the park and the conservation area, help the economy in that area, and also make sure that Americans of all stripes and backgrounds can enjoy an even greater section of this beautiful part of Colorado. So I would urge its adoption by the full House today.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, in 1999, I introduced legislation that established this Park and National Conservation Area, so my love of this place and belief in its continued protection is obvious. As you know, Mr. Speaker, I am a strong believer in local consensus and the preservation of western values. The Park and NCA were established on those ideals, and I am pleased that the bill I bring before you today continues on that path.

The legislation was originally scheduled for a hearing in the Resources Committee last June, after Senator CAMPBELL successfully saw it through the Senate. It took a few additional months, however, because I wanted to ensure that the water rights involved with these land transactions would remain protected for the people of Colorado. After working with the landowners and The Conservation Fund, I am now comfortable with the commitment that the landowners have made and am eager to see this bill move forward.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, water rights in the West are vital to our livelihood and even the murmur of losing control of them is enough to start a stampede. That is why language has been included in this bill to guarantee that the Bureau of Reclamation retains jurisdiction and access to water delivery facilities. For nearly 100 years, the Uncompahgre Valley Water User's Association has done a great job providing water to the valley; I want to make sure they can continue to do so. My 1999 bill establishing the Park did not intend to affect the Bureau's jurisdiction in any way, and neither does this boundary modification.

The Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area is a national treasure to be enjoyed by all. The park's combination of geological wonders and diverse wildlife make it one of the most unique natural areas in North America. I am proud to represent the area and believe that this legislation will greatly benefit

those who live in the area and all who visit the Park.

I want to thank Senator CAMPBELL and the Resources Committee for their work on this bill. I close by urging all members to support this legislation, so it can move promptly to the President's desk and be signed into law.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, having no further speakers, I yield back all remaining time.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield back all my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 677.

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.

#### AUTHORIZING EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN AN ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGE CORPORATION AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 924) to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 924

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

#### SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act, the term:

(1) "ANCSA" means the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

(2) "ANILCA" means the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.);

(3) "Calista" means the Calista Corporation, an Alaska Native Regional Corporation established pursuant to ANCSA;

(4) "Identified Lands" means approximately 10,943 acres of lands (including surface and subsurface estates) designated as "Proposed Village Site" on a map entitled "Proposed Newtok Exchange," dated September, 2002, and available for inspection in the Anchorage office of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(5) "limited warranty deed" means a warranty deed which is, with respect to its warranties, limited to that portion of the chain of title from the moment of conveyance from the United States to Newtok to and including the moment at which such title is validly reconveyed to the United States;

(6) "Newtok" means the Newtok Native Corporation, an Alaska Native Village Corporation established pursuant to ANCSA;

(7) "Newtok lands" means approximately 12,101 acres of surface estate comprising conveyed lands and selected lands identified as Aknerkochik on the map referred to in paragraph (4) and that surface estate selected by Newtok on Baird Inlet Island as shown on the map; and

(8) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

#### SEC. 2. LANDS TO BE EXCHANGED.

(a) LANDS EXCHANGED TO THE UNITED STATES.—If, within 180 days after the date of