

achieve its land management objectives. I urge all the Members to support this important legislation.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 117, the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003. This legislation was introduced by Senator GRAHAM, was passed in the Senate by unanimous consent on March 4. The companion measure we consider tonight was introduced by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER).

This legislation was drafted with the help of the U.S. Forest Service and supported by the Air Force and will aid the agency with fire prevention and protection in the area.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD jurisdiction-related letters between the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Resources regarding this legislation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, November 19, 2003.

Hon. BOB GOODLATTE,
Committee on Agriculture, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I understand that you wish to consider H.R. 482, on the Floor of the House of Representatives today. This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to convey several National Forest System parcels in the State of Florida. The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Agriculture. However, a closer reading shows that 16 of the 17 parcels are located in the Choctawhatchee and Ocala National Forests, which are forests created from the public domain. Those forests are under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Resources under Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives. In addition, the bill waives a provision of the Federal Land Policy Management Act, a statute also under Resources' purview.

My staff has reviewed the bill and we have no problem with the substance. Because of the limited number of days remaining in the first session of the 108th Congress and the importance of this bill to Congressman Jeff Miller, I will not insist on a referral of the bill. Of course, this action does not waive our jurisdiction over the bill, nor is this action to be construed as a precedent for other, similar legislation. In addition, I would ask you to support my request to have the Committee on Resources to be represented on any conference on H.R. 482 or a similar bill, should one become necessary. Finally, I would include this letter and any response you might have in the Congressional Record during debate on H.R. 482.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I appreciate our continued excellent working relationship on forest issues and look forward to working with you on other bills this Congress.

Sincerely,

RICHARD W. POMBO,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, November 19, 2003.

Hon. RICHARD POMBO,
Committee on Resources,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 482. As you know, its companion bill S. 117 is being considered on the floor of the House of Representatives today. The bill, S. 117 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

Both S. 117 and H.R. 482 were referred solely to the House Agriculture Committee. However, I understand that your committee could have received sequential jurisdiction over this legislation. Therefore, I understand and appreciate your willingness to forego committee referral of the bill for the sake of timeliness and the importance of this legislation to Congressman Miller of Florida.

I support your request to have the Committee on Resources be represented on any conference on S. 117 or a similar bill, should one be necessary. However, after passage, this bill will move to the President for his approval.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,
Chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER), the sponsor of the legislation.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM), from Polk County for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I too rise today in support of Senate Bill 117, the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003. This legislation does allow the State of Florida and the U.S. Department of Forestry to close the loop on a patchwork of land that goes from the panhandle of Florida to the tip of the peninsula.

In my district alone some of this land has transferred from the Forestry Service to the Air Force and back to the Forestry Service again. In Okaloosa County, 80 acres are currently leased for the county fairgrounds, complete with ball fields. This parcel is a parcel of land that the Department of Forestry does not want or need, but cannot convey unless this legislation is passed.

Under the Federal sites administration law, Congress can identify specific excess land that can be sold by the Forestry Service and with the money earned purchase State forest areas. This method has already been used in Texas, Mississippi, and in Virginia. For Florida, and, more specifically, my district, this is a win-win. Okaloosa County gets the land; the Department of Forestry can use the money it receives to purchase additional property.

Under the legislation, which has been passed in the Senate and approved by the House Committee on Agriculture, the Secretary of Agriculture may solicit offers for the sale or exchange of the land or reject any offer received under this section if the Secretary de-

termines that the offer is inadequate or is not in the best interest of the public.

For parcels that run adjacent to or are in any way connected to the Air Force's property, which some parcels are, the sale or exchange cannot be executed by the Secretary of Agriculture without the concurrence of the Secretary of the Air Force.

Additionally, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that enacting this legislation would not significantly affect the Federal budget, and the measure contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of State, local, or tribal governments.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the leadership for making room on today's calendar for this important piece of legislation. I would like to thank the chairman and also my colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. PUTNAM), and the ranking member, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM), for their assistance in seeing that this measure comes to the floor. I ask for their support and others.

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers on this issue. We do thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) and the rest of the minority for their assistance in moving this legislation as quickly as we have.

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 Florida (Mr. PUTNAM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 117.

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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 117.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Debate has been concluded on all motions to suspend the rules.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 288, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 393, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 423, by the yeas and nays;
H.R. 3140, by the yeas and nays.

Votes on S. 686 and S. 286 will be taken tomorrow.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining votes in this series will be 5-minute votes.

HONORING SEEDS OF PEACE FOR ITS PROMOTION OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOUTH FROM REGIONS OF CONFLICT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 288.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 288 on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 641]
YEAS—415

Abercrombie	Capito	Eshoo
Ackerman	Capps	Etheridge
Aderholt	Capuano	Evans
Akin	Cardin	Everett
Alexander	Cardoza	Farr
Allen	Carson (IN)	Fattah
Baca	Carson (OK)	Feeney
Bachus	Carter	Ferguson
Baird	Case	Filner
Baker	Castle	Flake
Baldwin	Chabot	Foley
Ballance	Chocola	Forbes
Ballenger	Clay	Ford
Barrett (SC)	Clyburn	Fossella
Bartlett (MD)	Coble	Frank (MA)
Barton (TX)	Cole	Franks (AZ)
Bass	Conyers	Frelinghuysen
Beauprez	Cooper	Frost
Becerra	Costello	Galleghy
Bell	Cox	Garrett (NJ)
Bereuter	Cramer	Gerlach
Berkley	Crane	Gilchrest
Berman	Crenshaw	Gillmor
Berry	Crowley	Gingrey
Biggert	Culberson	Gonzalez
Billirakis	Cummings	Goode
Bishop (GA)	Cunningham	Goodlatte
Bishop (UT)	Davis (AL)	Gordon
Blackburn	Davis (CA)	Goss
Blumenauer	Davis (FL)	Granger
Blunt	Davis (IL)	Graves
Boehlert	Davis (TN)	Green (TX)
Boehner	Davis, Jo Ann	Green (WI)
Bonilla	Davis, Tom	Greenwood
Bonner	Deal (GA)	Grijalva
Bono	DeFazio	Gutierrez
Boozman	DeGette	Gutknecht
Boswell	Delahunt	Hall
Boucher	DeLauro	Harman
Boyd	DeLay	Harris
Bradley (NH)	Deutsch	Hart
Brady (PA)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hastings (FL)
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hastings (WA)
Brown (OH)	Dicks	Hayes
Brown (SC)	Dingell	Hayworth
Brown, Corrine	Doggett	Hefley
Brown-Waite,	Doolley (CA)	Hensarling
Ginny	Doolittle	Hерger
Burgess	Doyle	Hill
Burns	Dreier	Hinchev
Burr	Duncan	Hinojosa
Burton (IN)	Dunn	Hobson
Buyer	Edwards	Hoekstra
Calvert	Emanuel	Holden
Camp	Emerson	Holt
Cannon	Engel	Honda
Cantor	English	Hooley (OR)

Hostettler	Meek (FL)	Ryun (KS)
Houghton	Meeks (NY)	Sabo
Hoyer	Menendez	Sanchez, Linda
Hulshof	Mica	T.
Hunter	Michaud	Sanchez, Loretta
Hyde	Millender-	Sanders
Inslee	McDonald	Sandlin
Israel	Miller (FL)	Saxton
Issa	Miller (MI)	Schakowsky
Istook	Miller (NC)	Schiff
Jackson (IL)	Miller, Gary	Schrock
Jackson-Lee	Miller, George	Scott (GA)
(TX)	Mollohan	Scott (VA)
Janklow	Moore	Sensenbrenner
Jefferson	Moran (KS)	Serrano
Jenkins	Moran (VA)	Sessions
John	Murphy	Shadegg
Johnson (CT)	Murtha	Shaw
Johnson (IL)	Musgrave	Shays
Johnson, E. B.	Myrick	Sherman
Johnson, Sam	Nadler	Sherwood
Jones (NC)	Napolitano	Shimkus
Jones (OH)	Neal (MA)	Shuster
Kanjorski	Nethercutt	Simmons
Kaptur	Neugebauer	Simpson
Keller	Ney	Skelton
Kelly	Northup	Slaughter
Kennedy (MN)	Norwood	Smith (MI)
Kennedy (RI)	Nunes	Smith (NJ)
Kildee	Nussle	Smith (TX)
Kilpatrick	Oberstar	Snyder
Kind	Obey	Souder
King (IA)	Olver	Spratt
King (NY)	Ortiz	Stark
Kingston	Osborne	Stearns
Kirk	Ose	Stenholm
Klecicka	Otter	Strickland
Kline	Owens	Stupak
Knollenberg	Oxley	Sweeney
Kolbe	Pallone	Tancredo
Kucinich	Pascrell	Tanner
LaHood	Pastor	Tauscher
Lampson	Paul	Tauzin
Langevin	Payne	Taylor (MS)
Lantos	Pearce	Taylor (NC)
Larsen (WA)	Pelosi	Taylor (CA)
Larson (CT)	Peterson (MN)	Thompson (CA)
Latham	Peterson (PA)	Thompson (MS)
LaTourette	Petri	Thornberry
Leach	Pickering	Tiaht
Lee	Pitts	Tiberi
Levin	Platts	Tierney
Lewis (CA)	Pombo	Towns
Lewis (GA)	Pomeroy	Turner (OH)
Lewis (KY)	Porter	Turner (TX)
Linder	Portman	Udall (CO)
Lipinski	Price (NC)	Udall (NM)
LoBiondo	Pryce (OH)	Upton
Lofgren	Putnam	Van Hollen
Lowe	Quinn	Velazquez
Lucas (KY)	Radanovich	Visclosky
Lucas (OK)	Rahall	Vitter
Lynch	Ramstad	Walden (OR)
Majette	Rangel	Walsh
Maloney	Regula	Wamp
Manzullo	Rehberg	Waters
Markey	Renzi	Watson
Marshall	Reyes	Watt
Matheson	Reynolds	Weiner
Matsui	Rodriguez	Weldon (FL)
McCarthy (MO)	Rogers (AL)	Weldon (PA)
McCarthy (NY)	Rogers (KY)	Weller
McCollum	Rogers (MI)	Wexler
McCotter	Rohrabacher	Whitfield
McCrery	Ros-Lehtinen	Wicker
McDermott	Ross	Wilson (NM)
McGovern	Rothman	Wilson (SC)
McHugh	Roybal-Allard	Wolf
McInnis	Royce	Woolsey
McIntyre	Ruppersberger	Wu
McKeon	Rush	Wynn
McNulty	Ryan (OH)	Young (AK)
Meehan	Ryan (WI)	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—19

Andrews	Gephardt	Sullivan
Bishop (NY)	Gibbons	Terry
Collins	Hoeffel	Thomas
Cubin	Isakson	Toomey
DeMint	Pence	Waxman
Ehlers	Smith (WA)	
Fletcher	Solis	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the remainder of this series will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

COMMENDING AFGHAN WOMEN FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 393, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 393, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 1, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 642]
YEAS—414

Abercrombie	Brown (SC)	Davis (TN)
Ackerman	Brown, Corrine	Davis, Jo Ann
Aderholt	Brown-Waite,	Davis, Tom
Akin	Ginny	Deal (GA)
Alexander	Burgess	DeFazio
Allen	Burns	DeGette
Baca	Burr	Delahunt
Bachus	Burton (IN)	DeLauro
Baird	Buyer	DeLay
Baker	Calvert	Deutsch
Baldwin	Camp	Diaz-Balart, L.
Ballance	Cannon	Diaz-Balart, M.
Ballenger	Cantor	Dicks
Barrett (SC)	Capito	Dingell
Bartlett (MD)	Capps	Doggett
Barton (TX)	Capuano	Dooley (CA)
Bass	Cardin	Doolittle
Beauprez	Cardoza	Doyle
Becerra	Carson (IN)	Dreier
Bell	Carson (OK)	Duncan
Bereuter	Carter	Dunn
Berkley	Case	Edwards
Berman	Castle	Emanuel
Berry	Chabot	Emerson
Biggert	Chocola	Engel
Billirakis	Clay	English
Bishop (GA)	Clyburn	Eshoo
Bishop (UT)	Coble	Etheridge
Blackburn	Cole	Evans
Blumenauer	Conyers	Everett
Blunt	Cooper	Farr
Boehlert	Costello	Fattah
Boehner	Cox	Feeney
Bonilla	Cramer	Ferguson
Bonner	Crane	Filner
Bono	Crenshaw	Flake
Boozman	Crowley	Foley
Boswell	Culberson	Forbes
Boucher	Cummings	Ford
Boyd	Cunningham	Fossella
Bradley (NH)	Davis (AL)	Frank (MA)
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Franks (AZ)
Brady (TX)	Davis (FL)	Frelinghuysen
Brown (OH)	Davis (IL)	Frost