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Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), who is the champion of American potash and the sodium industry here in America and I appreciate his advocacy.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. 485, 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.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE FUND ACT OF 2005

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2107) to amend Public Law 104-329 to modify authorities for the use of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2107

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 "National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201 of Public Law 104-329 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on and after the date of the enactment of the National Law Enforcement Memorial Maintenance Fund Act of 2005, the following applies, notwithstanding other provisions of this Act:

“(A) The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc., a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, to carry out the purposes of the Fund as described in subsection (b).

“(B) In accordance with the terms of such agreement, the Secretary shall transfer all amounts in the Fund to the Corporation.

“(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘Corporation’ means the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc; and

“(B) the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior.”

(b) PURPOSES OF FUND.—Section 201(b) of Public Law 104-329 is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and” after the semicolon;

(2) by striking paragraphs (4), (6), and (7), and redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4); and

(3) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by striking the semicolon and inserting a period.

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 H.R. 2107.

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, H.R. 2107, introduced by my colleague on the Committee on Resources, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON), would transfer funds of the 1996 sale of a commemorative coin from the National Park Service to the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund for the purpose of maintaining the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The Memorial Fund, a non-profit organization incorporated in Washington, DC, that raised the original \$12 million to build the Memorial, wishes to have access to the \$1.4 million raised from the coin sales to maintain the memorial in an effective and timely manner.

Today, more than 16,500 fallen law enforcement officers' names are inscribed on the Memorial, dating back to the first recorded police fatality in 1792.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2107 is supported by the majority and minority of the committee and the administration.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill.

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

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

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

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, we support passage of this measure.

Yesterday, May 15, was National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the first day of National Police Week, which are both intended to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who keep our communities safe. While this legislation is technical in nature, it is an important way in which Members can show their respect for those honored by this memorial and for those who continue to serve as peace officers.

Mr. Speaker, there are today more than 17,000 names listed on the memorial here in our Nation's capital. Sadly, another 153 names will be added to the

list for 2004, brave men and women who died in the line of duty protecting and serving others.

We all had a personal reminder last week of what that selfless service really means when many Capitol Police officers remained behind on the Capitol grounds to evacuate Members, staff, and visitors. Thankfully, that episode proved to be a nonthreatening incident; however, it clearly highlighted the potential dangers the women and men of the Capitol Police are trained and willing to confront.

We would encourage everyone to visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and to let law enforcement officers know just how much we appreciate their service as they go about their duties this week.

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

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON), the author of this bill.

(Mr. SAXTON asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will transfer control of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund from the National Park Service to the nonprofit National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to ensure the much needed maintenance and repairs to the memorial are made in an effective and timely manner.

In 1996, the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 was signed into law. This law mandated the minting and sale of several commemorative coins, including the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Silver Dollar. Surcharges from the coin sale were to be placed in a special interest-bearing account established by the U.S. Treasury and to be maintained by the National Park Service. The revenues generated were then to be used to maintain the memorial and interest accrued was to be used towards establishing a scholarship fund for the children of officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Unfortunately, due to a series of unintentional oversights, the nearly \$1.4 million generated from the sale of the coin was misplaced and until recently was never invested by the U.S. Treasury in an interest-bearing account, as required by law.

For the past 6 years, the Memorial Fund has tried, unsuccessfully, to gain access to the maintenance fund to make needed repairs to the memorial. During this time, the Memorial Fund has spent more than \$250,000 of its own funds, despite the existence of the \$1.4 million.

Therefore, to ensure the money of the maintenance fund is spent in accordance with the original intent of the law, I have worked with the National Park Service and the National

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to introduce legislation requiring the Park Service and the Officers Memorial Fund enter into a cooperative agreement outlining how the money in the maintenance fund will be spent. It is imperative that we correct this oversight and ensure the financial viability of the Officers Memorial Fund.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2107, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund of 2005. The bill will transfer control of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund from the National Park Service to the non-profit National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to ensure the much needed maintenance and repairs to the Memorial are made in a timely and effective manner.

In 1996, the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 was signed into law. This law mandated the minting and sale of several commemorative coins, including a National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Silver Dollar. Surcharges from the coin sale were to be placed in a special interest-bearing account established by the U.S. Treasury and to be maintained by the National Park Service. The revenues generated were then to be used to maintain the Memorial, and interest accrued was to be used towards establishing a scholarship fund for the children of officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Unfortunately, due to a series of unintentional oversights, the nearly \$1.4 million generated from the sale of the coin was misplaced, and until recently, was never invested by the U.S. Treasury in an interest-bearing account, as required by law.

For the past six years, the Memorial Fund has tried, unsuccessfully, to gain access to the maintenance Fund to make needed repairs to the memorial. During this time, the Memorial Fund has spent more than \$250,000 of its own funds, despite the existence of \$1.4 million they raised from the sale of the commemorative coin. These funds were intended for the purpose of making repairs to the memorial, as specifically outlined in federal legislation.

Therefore, to ensure the money in the maintenance fund is spent in accordance with the original intent of the law, I have worked with the National Park Service and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to introduce legislation requiring the Park Service and the Officers Memorial Fund enter into a cooperative agreement outlining how the money in the maintenance fund will be spent. It is imperative we correct this oversight, and secure the financial viability of the Officers Memorial Fund.

This past Friday, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial held their annual candlelight vigil, honoring the 153 brave men and women who lost their lives in defense of their communities in 2004. The Memorial hosted nearly 20,000 family members, law enforcement officers, and friends of law enforcement, who gathered to pay tribute to these fallen heroes. In addition to the pain and suffering of tragically losing a loved one, can you imagine the added stress had these families visited an unkempt site? Had the Officers Memorial Fund not used their own funds to provide routine maintenance and repair, grieving families would not have descended upon a memorial fit to honor the sacrifices made by their loved ones.

Ladies and gentlemen, in 1984, Congress honored those officers who worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of our Nation by authorizing a memorial built in their honor. Over a decade later, Congress again authorized support for our law enforcement community by issuing a coin sale to help cover the costs of maintaining their memorial. Which brings us to today, over 20 years later, we must continue to ensure these sacrifices made are memorialized in perpetuity.

This week, the Nation pays tribute to our law enforcement community by celebrating National Police Week. Enacted 43 years ago, this weeklong celebration commemorates law enforcement officers, past and present, who have, through their courageous and enduring commitment to maintaining the safety and security of all citizens, earned the respect and recognition of this grateful Nation.

Please join me in continuing to honor these brave men and women by supporting H.R. 2107.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the legislation introduced by the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. SAXTON. H.R. 2107, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Maintenance Fund Act of 2005 is a timely bill given that we are celebrating "National Police Week."

I am pleased that the 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil was held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial last Friday. A reading of the 415 names newly engraved on the Memorial immediately followed the ceremony, and I send my condolences to the families of all of the fallen officers whose names were inscribed.

This important bill amends the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, to: (1) enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc., Corporation, to carry out the Fund's purposes, generally, maintaining and repairing the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and periodically adding to it the names of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and (2) transfer all amounts in the Fund to the Corporation, in accordance with the terms of such agreement.

Furthermore, H.R. 2107 revises the purposes of the Fund to repeal: (1) authority to provide educational scholarships to immediate family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty whose names appear on the Memorial; and (2) limitation of the Fund's use for its own administration to the lesser of ten percent of its annual income or \$200,000 during any one-year period, including an emergency affecting the Memorial's operation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the city of Houston's law enforcement officers for the bravery that they exhibit in keeping the constituents of the 18th Congressional District safe. Lastly, I send condolences to the families and friends of Houston law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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. 2107.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

NEWLANDS PROJECT HEAD- QUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE YARD FACILITY TRANSFER ACT

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 540) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility to the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 540

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

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