

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4828, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION ACT

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5853) to expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett's Farm, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5853

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 "Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act".

SEC. 2. MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park is modified to include the area as generally depicted on the map titled "Minute Man National Historical Park Proposed Boundary", numbered 406/81001, and dated July 2007. The map shall be on file and available for inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(b) ACQUISITION OF LANDS.—The Secretary of the Interior may acquire land or interest in land with the area described in subsection (a), by purchase from willing sellers with donated or appropriated funds, by donation, or by exchange.

(c) ADMINISTRATION OF LANDS.—Lands added to the park under this section shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their re-

marks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, H.R. 5853, the Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act, was introduced by our colleague from Massachusetts, the honorable Congresswoman TSONGAS. This bill would modify the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in Massachusetts to include the historic site of Barrett's Farm.

Colonel James Barrett was a leading Revolutionary War patriot and military figure, and his farm in Concord played a significant role in the events leading up to the opening battles of the Revolutionary War at Lexington and Concord in April 1775.

A 2007 study from the National Park Service concluded that the boundary adjustment was important to ensure the protection of these nationally significant resources and values. And this bill enjoys extensive public support, as well as the support of the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation.

I thank Representative TSONGAS for her leadership on this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to support passage of this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 5853 has been adequately explained by the Democrat bill manager, and we have no objections to the legislation.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, Congresswoman TSONGAS, the sponsor of the bill.

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be speaking on behalf of H.R. 5853, the Minute Man National Historical Park Act, which extends the boundary of the Minute Man National Park located in Concord, Massachusetts, to include historic Barrett's Farm.

This bill is a simple, noncontroversial boundary adjustment of 67 acres to the current national park and enjoys the support of the National Park Service and Save Our Heritage, the nonprofit organization which currently owns Barrett's Farm.

It may seem like small change, but the preservation of such a significant site is monumentally important to the history of this country.

Barrett's Farm is the former home of Colonel James Barrett, the commander of the Middlesex militia during the Revolutionary War. It was also used to store the militia's munitions in the weeks preceding the Battle of Concord and Lexington.

On April 19, 1775, General Thomas Gage, the commander of all British forces in North America, ordered 700 of

his troops to march to Barrett's Farm and destroy these supplies. Our colonial militia learned of the British plot in advance, and Paul Revere made his famous ride, calling his fellow countrymen to arms.

By the time the British reached Barrett's Farm, the colonial militia's guns were safely hidden, and Colonel Barrett had strategically positioned the militia to strike the British Army. Barrett's militia confronted British soldiers at the North Bridge in Concord, where the infamous "shot heard 'round the world" was fired, launching our war for independence.

Through the hard work and ongoing efforts of the nonprofit group, Save Our Heritage, Barrett's Farm has been kept in excellent condition. Private donations throughout the years have been used for its upkeep and restoration. Our country is indebted to these committed people for preserving this national historical treasure.

But it is time for this important location to be part of the larger Minute Man National Park so that the considerable resources and expertise of the National Park Service can be put towards the restoration and permanent preservation of this remarkable piece of Massachusetts' rich revolutionary history.

It will also enable park visitors to have a more complete understanding of how and where our American Revolution began.

I urge the House to pass this bill to protect Colonel James Barrett's Farm so that current and future generations can learn about the role this site played in the birth of our Nation.

I want to thank Chairman RAHALL and Chairman GRIJALVA for their leadership on this bill, and I would also like to thank all the cosponsors of this bill for their support.

I urge my colleagues today to vote for this important piece of legislation.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, we have no other requests for speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I again urge Members to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5853.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FORT DAVIS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE EXPANSION

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6176) to authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6176

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

SECTION 1. INCREASED ACREAGE OF THE FORT DAVIS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

Public Law 87-213 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended as follows:

(1) In the first section—

(A) by striking “the Secretary of the Interior” and inserting “(a) The Secretary of the Interior”;

(B) by striking “476 acres” and inserting “646 acres”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) The Secretary may acquire from willing sellers land comprising approximately 55 acres, as depicted on the map titled ‘Fort Davis Proposed Boundary Expansion’, numbered 418/80,045, and dated April 2008. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service. Upon acquisition of the land, the land shall be incorporated into the Fort Davis National Historic Site.”.

(2) By repealing section 3.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, H.R. 6176 was introduced by our colleague from Texas, Representative CIRO RODRIGUEZ. The bill increases the acreage ceiling for the Fort Davis National Historic Site in west Texas and authorizes the National Park Service to acquire from willing sellers approximately 55 acres adjacent to the park.

Fort Davis National Historic Site, authorized in 1961, is regarded as one of the best preserved forts in the American Southwest. The fort was strategically located to protect emigrants, mail coaches, and freight wagons traveling through the Southwest. The fort is also known because the famed all-black “Buffalo Soldier” regiments established after the Civil War were stationed there.

The bill would expand the boundary of the park to encompass some already completed acquisitions and to permit the acquisition of three parcels that total approximately 55 acres on the southwestern boundary of the park.

Madam Speaker, Congressman RODRIGUEZ is to be commended for his tireless efforts on behalf of this legislation, and I would also note the administration supports this bill.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this measure.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I believe the bill has been explained very well, and I do support the bill.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand here today in support of H.R. 6176, legislation to authorize the expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas. I would like to thank my good friends Chairman GRIJALVA and Chairman RAHALL for their support of this legislation.

Fort Davis Historic Site is considered by many to be one of the most well preserved forts in the Southwest. This fort has historical and cultural importance to the communities of West Texas and it is our job to protect and preserve this piece of our Nation's history. In the 1800s the District I represent today was scattered with U.S. Army forts designed to protect travelers and settlers along the western trade routes from San Antonio to El Paso. The oldest and most preserved of these forts is Fort Davis, now a National Historic Site.

This legislation authorizes the National Park Service to acquire a prominent bluff on the western view shed of the site. It is the desire of the community of Fort Davis and the surrounding region that the Fort Davis Historic Site acquire the prominent bluff so that landscape of the Fort Davis Historic Site can remain the same as it was in the 19th century.

Fortunately a strong community movement led to the purchase of the land by a conservationist, who, in conjunction with the Conservation Fund, hopes to sell or donate the land to the National Park Service.

The bluff that the legislation aims to protect is vital to the experience of the visitors to the Fort Davis National Historic Site as well as the surrounding community of Fort Davis. It is my hope that this legislation will provide protection for this important historic site and will allow the park to continue to serve as an example of a typical western military fort from the 1800s.

Thank you for bringing this piece of legislation to the House floor for the communities of West Texas. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 6176, legislation to protect Fort Davis and this important piece of West Texas history.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. I have no other speakers, and I yield back my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this piece of legislation, and I yield back.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6176.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DEAFY GLADE LAND EXCHANGE ACT

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6159) to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino Na-

tional Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6159

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 “Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act”.

SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST, CALIFORNIA.

(a) LAND EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—If Solano County, California (in this section referred to as the “County”) conveys to the Secretary of Agriculture all right, title, and interest of the County in and to four parcels of land consisting of a total of approximately 160 acres identified on the map entitled “Fouts Springs-Deafy Glade Federal and Non-Federal Lands” and dated July 17, 2008, the Secretary shall convey to the County, in exchange, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of land in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California (including any improvements on the land) comprising approximately 82 acres and known as the Fouts Springs Ranch, as also depicted on the map.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service. With the agreement of the County, the Secretary may make technical corrections to the map and the legal descriptions of the land to be exchanged under this section.

(c) LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS.—Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716) shall apply to the land exchange under this section.

(d) SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The exact acreage and legal description of the land to be exchanged under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary. The costs of the survey and any administrative costs related to the land exchange shall be borne by the County.

(e) CONDITION ON USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—As a condition of the conveyance to the County under subsection (a), the County shall agree to continue to use the land acquired by the County under such subsection for purposes consistent with the purposes listed in the special use authorization for the Fouts Springs Ranch in effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) EASEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may grant an easement to provide continued access to, and maintenance and use of, the facilities covered by the special use authorization referred to in subsection (e) as necessary for the continued operation of the Fouts Springs Ranch conveyed under subsection (a).

(g) MANAGEMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—The lands acquired by the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be added to and administered as part of the Mendocino National Forest and managed in accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known as the Weeks Act; 16 U.S.C. 480 et seq.) and the laws and regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

(h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The land exchange under subsection (a) shall be subject to such additional terms and conditions as the Secretary and the County may agree upon.

SEC. 3. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF NOAA PROPERTY IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce may sell or exchange to the City of Norfolk, Virginia, in accordance with chapter 13 of title 40, United States Code, real