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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 13, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God without beginning or end, in the passing scene of life, help the Members of Congress to keep focused on the public trust they have been given.

May they make just and prudent decisions that will strengthen this Nation in its constitutional integrity and bring peace and prosperity in our day.

With Your blessing, may each moment of this session of Congress be dedicated to justice, and may our public service give You glory, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms.

FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 13, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 13, 2010 at 11:28 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2872.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 289.

Appointments:
National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER.

By Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA'S SECOND DISTRICT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, over the last week, I have held six town hall meetings all across South Carolina's Second Congressional District focused on job creation and Washington's reckless spending habits.

Residents in Aiken, Barnwell, Richland, Lexington, Orangeburg, Varnville, and Bluffton came out to express their concerns and hear the opinions of their neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, the message I bring back from South Carolina's Second District residents is simple: stop this out-of-control spending and pass job creation policies that incentivize small businesses to create jobs and families to invest.

People are concerned. They are concerned about their family's economic future. They are concerned about the enormous debt being imposed on our children and grandchildren.

I encourage residents who couldn't attend to take advantage of two new interactive forums designed to give Americans a voice in Congress to share policy solutions: AmericaSpeakingOut.com and YouCut.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

PRAISING BRIDGESTONE AIRCRAFT TIRE IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor to visit a North Carolina business success story last week. Bridgestone Aircraft Tire, located in Rockingham County, came to North Carolina in 2007 from Miami when their Miami manufacturing facility was taken in an eminent domain proceeding.

Bridgestone brought about 70 new jobs to the community as well as what they call its United Nations of employees. The Bridgestone employees hail from not just Rockingham but around the globe, including Colombia, Venezuela, Jamaica, Singapore, Japan, Haiti, and Honduras.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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Best of all, Bridgestone and its employees have been active participants in the community. Plant employees volunteer their time, recently helping to restore the local Mayo River Park to become the newest State park in North Carolina, as well as supporting local youth sports, United Way, Salvation Army, and a local charity for non-insured cancer patients.

Mr. Speaker, this facility and its dedicated, hardworking employees are truly a tremendous asset to North Carolina.

AMERICANS ARE ANGRY AT THE MEDIA

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, two-thirds of Americans say they are "angry" at the national media, according to a new Rasmussen public opinion poll. The poll suggests that Americans are angry because of the national media's clear liberal bias.

By a margin of more than 3-1, Americans say the average reporter is more liberal than they are, rather than more conservative. By almost the same margin, Americans think reporters are trying to help President Obama pass his agenda. Seven in 10 say most reporters try to help the candidate they want to win. And a majority think employees would hide information that might hurt a candidate they wanted to win.

Americans will continue to be angry until the national media report the facts and stop telling the American people what to think.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6 p.m. today.

SUGAR LOAF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LAND EXCHANGE ACT

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3923) to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3923

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 "Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **DISTRICT.**—The term "District" means the Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District of Boulder, Colorado.

(2) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term "Federal land" means—

(A) the parcel of approximately 1.52 acres of land in the National Forest that is generally depicted on the map numbered 1, entitled "Sugarloaf Fire Protection District Proposed Land Exchange", and dated November 12, 2009; and

(B) the parcel of approximately 3.56 acres of land in the National Forest that is generally depicted on the map numbered 2, entitled "Sugarloaf Fire Protection District Proposed Land Exchange", and dated November 12, 2009.

(3) **NATIONAL FOREST.**—The term "National Forest" means the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests located in the State of Colorado.

(4) **NON-FEDERAL LAND.**—The term "non-Federal land" means the parcel of approximately 5.17 acres of non-Federal land in unincorporated Boulder County, Colorado, that is generally depicted on the map numbered 3, entitled "Sugarloaf Fire Protection District Proposed Land Exchange", and dated November 12, 2009.

(5) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the provisions of this Act, if the District offers to convey to the Secretary all right, title, and interest of the District in and to the non-Federal land, and the offer is acceptable to the Secretary—

(1) the Secretary shall accept the offer; and

(2) on receipt of acceptable title to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall convey to the District all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.

(b) **APPLICABLE LAW.**—Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716) shall apply to the land exchange authorized under subsection (a), except that—

(1) the Secretary may accept a cash equalization payment in excess of 25 percent of the value of the Federal land; and

(2) as a condition of the land exchange under subsection (a), the District shall—

(A) pay each cost relating to any land surveys and appraisals of the Federal land and non-Federal land; and

(B) enter into an agreement with the Secretary that allocates any other administrative costs between the Secretary and the District.

(c) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The land exchange under subsection (a) shall be subject to—

(1) valid existing rights; and

(2) any terms and conditions that the Secretary may require.

(d) **TIME FOR COMPLETION OF LAND EXCHANGE.**—It is the intent of Congress that the land exchange under subsection (a) shall be completed not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) **AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO CONDUCT SALE OF FEDERAL LAND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In accordance with paragraph (2), if the land exchange under subsection (a) is not completed by the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary may offer to sell to the District the Federal land.

(2) **VALUE OF FEDERAL LAND.**—The Secretary may offer to sell to the District the Federal land for the fair market value of the Federal land.

(f) **DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall deposit in the fund established under Public Law 90-171 (commonly known as the "Sisk Act") (16 U.S.C. 484a) any amount received by the Secretary as the result of—

(A) any cash equalization payment made under subsection (b); and

(B) any sale carried out under subsection (e).

(2) **USE OF PROCEEDS.**—Amounts deposited under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Secretary, without further appropriation and until expended, for the acquisition of land or interests in land in the National Forest.

(g) **MANAGEMENT AND STATUS OF ACQUIRED LAND.**—The non-Federal land acquired by the Secretary under this section shall be—

(1) added to, and administered as part of, the National Forest; and

(2) managed by the Secretary in accordance with—

(A) the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known as the "Weeks Law") (16 U.S.C. 480 et seq.); and

(B) any laws (including regulations) applicable to the National Forest.

(h) **REVOCATION OF ORDERS; WITHDRAWAL.**—

(1) **REVOCATION OF ORDERS.**—Any public order withdrawing the Federal land from entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws is revoked to the extent necessary to permit the conveyance of the Federal land to the District.

(2) **WITHDRAWAL.**—On the date of enactment of this Act, if not already withdrawn or segregated from entry and appropriation under the public land laws (including the mining and mineral leasing laws) and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.), the Federal land is withdrawn until the date of the conveyance of the Federal land to the District.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. 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. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3923 was introduced by our colleague from Colorado, Congressman JARED POLIS. Since 1967, the Forest Service has issued two special use permits to the Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District to own and operate two fire stations on National Forest System land.

The District would like to own the parcels of land on which the fire stations sit in order to build an area for firefighter training and bathroom facilities. Currently, the fire stations do not have running water because State and county regulations prohibit well and septic systems on public lands for private use.

The District would receive approximately 5 acres of Federal land on which the fire stations sit, and the Forest Service would receive land of equal value from the District. A specific in-holding owned by the District has been identified for the exchange.

Mr. Speaker, we commend Congressman POLIS for his work on this bill, and we support passage of this measure.