

to provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

In section 2(a)(2)(A), strike "July 30" and insert August 5.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H.R. 5610 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. CHU. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, a month ago we passed H.R. 5610, the Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act, to provide a necessary fix to protect services for the many people with disabilities who benefit from the work of the independent living centers. This fix will allow States to request that ARRA funds not be included in determining their centers' previous year allocations so that the temporary funds provided under ARRA do not permanently change centers' base allocations.

The Senate amendment before us today changes the deadline for States to make that request from July 30 to August 5 so that eligible States can make use of this fix after this bill is passed.

I urge you to support this technical change to ensure independent living centers can continue the important work for people with disabilities in our communities.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5610, the Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act.

Independent living centers provide a valuable service, including employment, skilled training, peer counseling, and information for people with disabilities.

H.R. 5610, the Independent Living Centers Technical Adjustment Act, as passed in the House and Senate, allows States to apply to the Department of Education for a waiver to disregard funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the fiscal year 2010 allotments.

Because of a discrepancy in how current law factors in prior year funds, some independent living centers will see dramatic decreases in the funding

that they will receive this year. This technical fix will enable funds granted through the Rehabilitation Act to be distributed to independent living centers in a more fair and appropriate manner for this year.

The House-passed version of this legislation allows States to apply for these important waivers until July 30. Because the deadline included in the original version of H.R. 5610 does not provide sufficient time for States to take advantage of these waivers, the Senate extended the timeline until August 5.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of this bill, which will assist independent living centers that help disabled persons live full and productive lives, and I ask for my colleagues' support.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 5610.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GROWN IN AMERICA ACT

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1558) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States, reminding us all to take pride in the healthy bounty produced by American farmers and workers.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1558

Whereas American farmers produce the most abundant food supply in the entire world;

Whereas, on average, each farmer provides enough food and fiber to meet the needs of 155 people in the United States and abroad;

Whereas the majority of farms in the United States are family owned;

Whereas everyday products from crayons to fuel are produced by America's farmers and ranchers;

Whereas American farmers take pride in their yearly harvest, and consumers value "grown in America" produce, and in doing so contribute to the protection of American's ability to be self-sufficient, create jobs, and remain a world leader;

Whereas rural Americans honorably serve their country in peace time and in war, sacrificing their lives for their land and Nation;

Whereas, as a sign of support, rural Americans regularly display the flag in their homes, on their barns, and anyplace else they can find to share their love of flag and country;

Whereas this bounty is not only a symbol of the selflessness of the American farmer but is a symbol of the generosity of our Nation;

Whereas the image of the American flag gives inspiration to our Nation's farmers that produce our most valued products that we are so dependent on;

Whereas the American flag is our most honored national symbol;

Whereas the American flag commands respect and admiration;

Whereas the American flag reminds us of our Nation's commitment to hard work and our historic ability to rise to any occasion;

Whereas the American flag symbolizes freedom, the entrepreneurial spirit, and the path to our own individual destinies;

Whereas the American flag symbolizes the noble dreams of our founding fathers, the freedoms fought for by our soldiers, and the most noble aspirations in history of the human spirit; and

Whereas the American flag has served throughout our Nation's history as the needle with which we have sewn our patriotic seed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that fruit and vegetable and commodity producers are encouraged to display the American flag on labels of products grown in the United States, reminding us all to take pride in the healthy bounty produced by American farmers and workers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. CARDOZA) and the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SCHMIDT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 1558.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, in my district my farmers produce a bounty of fruits and vegetables that feed families across the country and abroad. My farmers work hard in the field every single day. They love their families, their farms, and the healthy products that they grow. They also love their country. As with many of my constituents, they are proud to fly the American flag on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July.

My resolution, the Grown in America Act, encourages farmers across the country to feature the American flag on their packaging so that all Americans know quickly and easily that the food that they are feeding their families is grown with pride right here in the good old USA.

In the U.S., we have 310 million consumers to feed, and much of the food is supplied by our hardworking farmers right here at home. Whether you realize it or not, agriculture is at the center of many of our vital issues: feeding the hungry, improving our health, addressing the crisis of childhood obesity,

emphasizing the importance of the school lunch program and much, much more.

Where does that food come from? From people across the United States who are becoming more curious about their food sources. They want to know more about the food products themselves and who grew it.

This resolution also has a practical application. Starting in 2002, Congress mandated that all food products be labeled with their country of origin. We had a sense that consumers wanted to know the true origins of their food. And when given that choice, consumers will choose an American-made product most every time. This choice strengthens demand and prices for U.S. farmers and ranchers. It is also important that the public understand the vital role domestic agriculture carries out to produce the safest and highest quality food in the world.

Agriculture not only serves the public with high quality food, but it also creates jobs right here. In a time of economic hardship, a strong agricultural sector is needed to ensure employment at multiple levels. We often use the expression “farm to fork” in reference to the jobs gained as a certain commodity is grown, harvested, packed, bagged, labeled, shipped, and sold at local farmers’ markets and in our neighborhood grocery stores.

With this resolution, consumers can be even more empowered to choose American products over foreign imports. The flag clearly communicates the origin of the fruit or vegetable, and it’s easier to read than the fine print at the bottom of the label that reads “Product of the USA.”

If we want to feed our children the healthiest possible foods and simultaneously try to create jobs in our country, then we need to encourage American production of American products. I’m proud of the great agricultural tradition of this country, Mr. Speaker, and I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1558, which expresses the sense of Congress that our Nation’s farmers use the American flag to promote fruits, vegetables, and commodities produced in the United States.

In the early 20th century, about 40 percent of Americans were engaged in agricultural production. Today, that number is down to 1.75 percent. Our Nation’s farmers and ranchers provide Americans the safest, most affordable, and most abundant food supply in the history of the world. Our bounty of sustainable and nutritious food is so great that we also feed countless millions around the world.

America’s farmers and ranchers endure uncertain weather, regulatory burdens, and animal and plant disease and pest threats in order to participate in a highly competitive global market.

This resolution encourages them to stand tall for what they provide for us every day.

When passage of the 2008 farm bill closed the long-running debate on mandatory country-of-origin labeling for fruits, vegetables, meat, and poultry, there remained considerable concern among opponents that we should not impose labeling on our producers. The reasoning held that origin labeling is an element of marketing and should be left to the producers, processors, packers, and retailers that bring America’s food to our tables. Proponents of labeling argued that affixing country-of-origin labeling would enhance value and benefit farmers and ranchers.

Mr. Speaker, no matter what position an individual has taken on the question of country-of-origin labeling, it is easy to support this resolution. House Resolution 1558 simply asserts that the American flag is such a positive attribute that farmers are encouraged to use this symbol to promote the products they grow here at home in America.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution because it encourages our farmers and ranchers to act in what we believe to be their own self interest, while refraining from additional regulatory requirements or burdens.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlelady from Ohio, the ranking member on my committee, for her support of this resolution. It’s a pleasure to serve with her on the Horticulture and Organic Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee. I would just say that support of this resolution is in fact, as she said, something that will help promote products, and it is voluntary.

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

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support the motion, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CARDOZA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1558.

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. CARDOZA. 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.

BENTON MACKAYE CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4658) to authorize the conveyance

of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Cherokee National Forest and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to use the proceeds from that conveyance to acquire a parcel of land for inclusion in that national forest, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4658

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 “Benton MacKaye Cherokee National Forest Land Consolidation Act of 2010”.

SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCES, CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST, TENNESSEE.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Agriculture (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall convey and quitclaim to the Towee Falls Baptist Church all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of National Forest System land in Cherokee National Forest consisting of approximately 66.5 acres surrounding the Towee Falls Baptist Church, as generally depicted on the map titled “Legislative Map H.R. 4658” and dated June 1, 2010 (in this section referred to as the “parcel”).

(b) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—As consideration for the conveyance of the parcel, the Towee Falls Baptist Church shall pay to the Secretary an amount of cash equal to the market value of the parcel based on an appraisal approved by the Secretary.

(2) DEPOSIT OF CONSIDERATION.—The consideration received under paragraph (1) shall be deposited into the account in the Treasury established by Public Law 90-171 (commonly known as the Sisk Act; 16 U.S.C. 484a).

(3) USE OF CONSIDERATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Monies deposited pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be available to the Secretary, until expended and without further appropriation, for the acquisition of lands and interests in land in the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee.

(B) ACQUISITION OF DOC ROGERS TRACT.—Congress finds that it is in the public interest that the Secretary acquire from the Monroe County Tennessee Board of Education all right, title, and interest of the Board of Education in and to a tract of land in Monroe County, Tennessee, consisting of approximately 102 acres and known as the “Doc Rogers tract”. The Secretary may apply the monies deposited pursuant to paragraph (1) to acquire the Doc Rogers tract if the Secretary and the Monroe County Tennessee Board of Education reach agreement on the terms of a Federal acquisition.

(c) VALUATION.—The parcel will be appraised in accordance with appraisal specifications prescribed by the Secretary, and such specifications shall include that the parcel be valued as a free standing lot unconnected with any larger tract, and unencumbered with any Forest Service special use authorization held by the Church.

(d) CONDITION OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance of the parcel shall be subject to the condition that the Towee Falls Baptist Church accept the parcel in its condition at the time of conveyance (commonly known as a conveyance “as is”).

(e) SURVEY AND COSTS.—The exact acreage and legal description of the parcel shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary of Agriculture. The cost of the survey and all other costs incurred by the Secretary to convey the parcel shall be borne by the Towee Falls Baptist Church.