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The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4658.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4658, the Benton-MacKaye Cherokee National Forest Land Consolidation Act, authorizes the conveyance of land in the Cherokee National Forest and authorizes the Secretary to use the proceeds of the sale of that land for purchase of other suitable land within the forest. This bill, sponsored by my colleague from Tennessee, Representative DUNCAN, has the support of the Forest Service.

Specifically, this legislation would relieve the Forest Service of a 66.5-acre parcel of land that has long been maintained by the Towee Falls Baptist Church. The church will purchase the land at a fair market value to make the needed expansion to the property's cemetery and church buildings. The proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase the Doc Rogers Tract within Cherokee National Forest. This tract is close to the Benton-MacKaye Hiking Trail, which feeds into the Appalachian Trail. The local community supports this sale, including the parcel into the forest boundary.

I encourage all my colleagues to support the legislation.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4658, a bill that authorizes two land exchanges in the Cherokee National Forest. This legislation authorizes the Forest Service to sell a 66-acre tract of land to the Towee Falls Baptist Church in order to enlarge their cemetery which is within the boundary of the national forest. The funds the Forest Service receives from this sale

will be used to purchase a 102-acre tract of land to add to the national forest. I think it's a good deal. The land exchanges would ensure better land management by the Forest Service and the Cherokee National Forest.

This bill will not cost the taxpayers one penny. The church is responsible for all costs associated with the purchase of the land. The gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) has worked with the Forest Service to ensure that this bill is drafted in a manner that is acceptable to all interested parties, including the community. I think this is a great idea. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my amended bill, H.R. 4658, the Benton MacKaye Cherokee National Forest Land Consolidation Act.

This bill is a simple bill that authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Towee Falls Baptist Church a 65-acre parcel of National Forest System land in the Cherokee National Forest, which surrounds the Church.

The bill would also allow the Forest Service to acquire from the Monroe County Tennessee Board of Education an 102-acre parcel of land in Monroe County, Tennessee, known as the Doc Rogers tract. The result is a net increase of 37 acres for the Cherokee National Forest.

This bill is very important to Monroe County, Tennessee, a rural county in my District that is struggling economically. This bill is a win-win for all parties involved.

The Towee Falls Church sale would allow the Forest Service to dispose of a piece of property and end an inholding created by the granting of a permit to the church in question in 1946.

The Church is a willing buyer of the additional property to expand its building and cemetery, the latter of which will soon be full.

The sale of the Doc Rogers tract would allow the Monroe County School Board to dispose of a piece of property that the Forest Service would like to purchase because it is traversed by the Benton MacKaye Trail, a hiking trail that feeds into the Appalachian Trail.

This bill is named in honor of Benton MacKaye, who was an American forester, planner and conservationist who lived from 1879 to 1975. He helped pioneer the idea of land preservation for recreation and conservation purposes.

Mr. MacKaye is best known for developing the idea of the Appalachian Trail, the National Scenic Trail that runs 2,179 miles from Georgia to Maine and runs through my District in Tennessee.

Mrs. SCHMIDT. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CARDOZA. 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 California (Mr. CARDOZA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4658, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### STORY COUNTY, IOWA LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5669) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federally owned land located in Story County, Iowa, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5669

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

#### SECTION 1. PURPOSES AND DEFINITIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to direct the conveyance of approximately 44 acres, more or less, of Federally owned land administered by the Agricultural Research Service to the City of Ames, Iowa; and

(2) to authorize the use of the funds derived from the conveyance to purchase replacement land and for other purposes relating to the National Animal Disease Center.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) CITY.—The term "City" means the City of Ames, Iowa, and its assigns.

(2) PROPERTY.—The term "Property" means approximately 44 acres, more or less, of the Federally owned land comprising part of the National Animal Disease Center, which—

(A) was acquired by the United States in 1951 within sec. 1, T. 83 N., R. 24 W., Fifth Principal Meridian; and

(B) is generally located on 13th Street in the City.

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

#### SEC. 2. PROPERTY CONVEYANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—On receipt of the consideration and cost reimbursement provided in this Act, the Secretary shall convey and quitclaim to the City, all rights, title, and interests of the United States in the Property subject to easements and rights of record and such other reservations, terms, and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As consideration for the conveyance authorized by this Act, the City shall pay to the Secretary an amount in cash equal to the market value of the Property.

(2) APPRAISAL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—To determine the market value of the Property, the Secretary shall have the Property appraised for the highest and best use of the Property in conformity with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions developed by the Interagency Land Acquisition Conference.

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The appraisal shall be subject to review and approval by the Secretary, and the approved appraisal shall at all times be the Property of the United States.

(c) CORRECTIONS.—With the agreement of the City, the Secretary may make minor corrections or modifications to the legal description of the Property or configure the Property to facilitate conveyance.

(d) COSTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the City shall at closing pay or reimburse the Secretary, as appropriate, for the reasonable transaction and administrative costs incurred by the Secretary associated with the conveyance authorized by this Act, including personnel costs directly attributable to the transaction, and the transactional costs of appraisal, survey, title review, hazardous substances examination, and closing costs.

(2) ATTORNEYS FEES.—The City and the Secretary shall each bear their own attorneys fees.

(e) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For the conveyance authorized by this Act, the Secretary shall meet disclosure requirements for hazardous substances, but shall otherwise not be required to remediate or abate those substances or any other hazardous pollutants, contaminants, or waste that might be present on the Property at the time of closing.

(2) LEAD-BASED PAINT OR ASBESTOS-CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of law relating to the mitigation or abatement of lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building materials and except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall not be required to mitigate or abate any lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building materials present on the Property at the time of closing.

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—If the Property has lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building materials, the Secretary shall—

(i) provide notice to the City of the presence of the lead-based paint or asbestos-containing building materials; and

(ii) obtain written assurance from the City that the City will comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws relating to the management of the lead-based paint and asbestos-containing building materials.

(f) OTHER TERMS.—The Secretary and the City may agree on such additional terms as may be mutually acceptable and that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

#### SEC. 3. RECEIPTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall deposit all funds received from the conveyance authorized under this Act, including the market value consideration and the reimbursement for costs, into the Treasury of the United States to be credited to the appropriation for the Agricultural Research Service.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any limitation in applicable appropriation Acts for the Department of Agriculture or the Agricultural Research Service, all funds deposited into the Treasury pursuant to subsection (a) shall—

(1) be available to the Secretary until expended, without further appropriation, for the acquisition of land and interests in land and other related purposes of the National Animal Disease Center; and

(2) be considered to authorize the acquisition of land for the purposes of section 11 of the Act of August 3, 1956 (7 U.S.C. 423a).

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#### 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 H.R. 5669.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5669 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell a parcel of land that is part of the National Animal Disease Center to the city of Ames, Iowa, in order to facilitate the building of a new water treatment facility.

Faced with increasing demand and aging infrastructure, the city has determined that the most cost-effective solution is to build a new plant. The land owned by USDA adjacent to the National Animal Disease Center is such a suitable location. If Congress does not authorize this land for sale, then the city of Ames may find itself in the unpopular position of using eminent domain to acquire land to move forward with the project.

It makes sense to move this legislation quickly so that a needed infrastructure project can move forward, especially since the United States Department of Agriculture has expressed support for this legislation.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H.R. 5669. This bill will allow the Agricultural Research Service to convey 44 acres of land in Ames, Iowa, to the city of Ames. The funds derived from this conveyance will then be used by the Agricultural Research Service to purchase replacement land and for other purposes relating to the National Animal Disease Center.

The National Animal Disease Center located in Ames, Iowa, is the largest Federal animal disease center in the United States. This facility, along with the National Veterinary Services Laboratory and the Center for Veterinary Biologics co-located on the same site, make up our National Centers for Animal Health.

The USDA has advised that it no longer has any use for the land to be conveyed and that it supports this legislation.

This legislation is important for the continued development and operation of this critical laboratory facility, and I ask my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LATHAM).

Mr. LATHAM. I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for yielding and the gentleman from California, and I certainly want to thank Chairman PETERSON and Ranking Member LUCAS for waiving jurisdiction so that we could shepherd this bill to the floor, H.R. 5669.

This bill really is a solution for the city of Ames and the local landowners.

H.R. 5669 will allow the city to buy land from the USDA's National Animal Disease Center and use that land to build a modern water treatment plant.

Before introducing this legislation, city officials were exploring the acquisition of nearby farmland by eminent domain. This bill will prevent a conflict between the city of Ames and the local landowners. The farmland in question is highly productive land. In fact, it's a century farm. It has been in that family for over 100 years. Century farms have a special status in Iowa, and the families who have carried on the tradition of farming have deep ties to the soil.

Working with the city of Ames and the USDA, I believe we have found a way to preserve this fertile land and honor the memory of the man who began farming it, Abel Powell Griffith. Griffith, a Union Army veteran, picked this land because it was near Iowa State University, and he knew his descendants would be able to get a quality education while making a living through farming.

H.R. 5669 is a win for everyone involved. Ames, Iowa, will be able to proceed with its water treatment facility, residents will have clean water, the Animal Disease Center will be able to plan for its needs, and the landowners will be spared the loss of productive farmland.

I appreciate very much the time.

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

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate my friend and colleague from Iowa for doing what seems to be a very responsible piece of legislation here.

I have no further speakers, 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 pass the bill, H.R. 5669, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CONGRATULATING JOHN COLEMAN ON HIS CONFIRMATION AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Coleman from Port Matilda, Pennsylvania, on his Pennsylvania State Senate confirmation as Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Coleman recently resigned as the president and CEO of the Chamber of