

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, this is a good piece of legislation, and I congratulate the gentleman for his introduction and getting this far.

With that, I urge adoption and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1237, 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.

Y MOUNTAIN ACCESS ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4484) to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4484

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 "Y Mountain Access Enhancement Act".

SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST, UTAH.

(a) **CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.**—On the request of Brigham Young University submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey, not later than one year after receiving the request, to Brigham Young University all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to an approximately 80-acre parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in the State of Utah consisting of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ /SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, T. 6 S., R. 3 E., and Lot 4 of Section 5, T. 7 S., R. 3 E., Salt Lake Base & Meridian. The conveyance shall be subject to valid existing rights and shall be made by quitclaim deed.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) **CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.**—As consideration for the land conveyed under subsection (a), Brigham Young University shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value of the land, as determined by an appraisal approved by the Secretary and conducted in conformity with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

(2) **DEPOSIT.**—The consideration received by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury to reduce the Federal deficit.

(c) **GUARANTEED PUBLIC ACCESS TO Y MOUNTAIN TRAIL.**—After the conveyance under subsection (a), Brigham Young University represents that it will—

(1) continue to allow the same reasonable public access to the trailhead and portion of the Y Mountain Trail already owned by Brigham Young University as of the date of the enactment of this Act that Brigham Young University has historically allowed; and

(2) allow that same reasonable public access to the portion of the Y Mountain Trail and the "Y" symbol located on the land described in subsection (a).

(d) **SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—The exact acreage and legal description of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary. Brigham Young University shall pay the reasonable costs of survey, appraisal, and any administrative analyses required by law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days 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 gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is authored by our colleague from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ). H.R. 4484 authorizes the Forest Service to convey 80 acres, known as Y Mountain, to Brigham Young University.

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Y Mountain is the location of the renowned white block "Y" in Provo, overlooking the Utah Valley and the BYU campus. The Y was constructed in 1906 and has been a celebrated part of the Utah landscape ever since.

Currently, BYU owns and maintains the trailhead and much of the trail leading up to the 380-foot tall by 130-foot wide landmark. The remaining property is owned by the Forest Service but it is used by the university under a permit which has typically been renewed every 10 years.

With this legislation, the university will guarantee its ability to maintain the Y and surrounding grounds without the risk of losing the right through the permitting process.

Finally, the legislation requires that BYU pay fair market value and continue to allow public access to the Y as it has done for decades.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

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

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4484 provides for the conveyance of approximately 80 acres of Forest Service lands to Brigham Young University. We do not object to this legislation.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 3

minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ), the author of this legislation.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce this piece of legislation. It's common sense. I think it's something that should be widely accepted.

I also appreciate the bipartisan nature in which we introduce this bill. Mr. FALCOMAEGA was important to this, Mr. FLAKE and Mr. McKEON, and I appreciate the bipartisan nature in which we introduced this bill.

As you go into Utah County, up on the eastern side of the valley there, there's this big Y representing Brigham Young University. It's a mainstay in our community and something that we're all proud of. It's also something that is easily accessible to hikers. Year-round, people will hike up this trail as they pass up and go up to enjoy a day up on the side of the mountain.

And really, in an effort to make sure that this is properly maintained, there's continuity of maintenance. This really does make sense. It's interesting, because that portion, that 80 acres that we talk about today was once owned by Brigham Young University, and that was then transferred into a trust and, over the course of time, many decades ago it was actually transferred to the Forest Service. And so, now, to actually sell it back, have that money deposited back into the Treasury to help reduce our deficit, Brigham Young University paying fair market value for that, makes sense in terms of keeping the continuity in place, making sure that the trail is well-maintained, that it's clean. It's something that people in Utah and other people coming to our State like to enjoy on a regular basis.

So the bill would restore ownership to Brigham Young University, provide long-term certainty by removing any questions about who owns the land and who is responsible for maintaining the trail, and I look forward to the passage of this.

It's important to our community, and I think a good win-win for the Federal Government as well as the residents there, particularly in Utah County.

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALCOMAEGA) as much time as he may consume.

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

Mr. FALCOMAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the distinguished chairman of our committee, DOC HASTINGS, and our ranking member, Mr. MARKEY, for their leadership in support of this proposed legislation.

I especially want to thank my good friend and colleague, the chief sponsor of this legislation, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ).

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, in support of H.R. 4484, the Y Mountain Access

Enhancement Act, which would direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture to sell 80 acres of U.S. Forest Service land of an area known for years by the residents of Provo, Utah, as the "Y Mountain" to Brigham Young University.

Y Mountain, which is located directly east of the BYU campus, includes a trail that leads 1.2 miles from the mountain's base up to a large white concrete Y on the mountain's hillside that was built over 100 years ago. The Y, which is 380 feet high by 130 feet wide, is even larger than Los Angeles' famous Hollywood sign and serves as an insignia for Brigham Young University.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud alumnus of Brigham Young University. The Y has always been a symbol of pride for us, the alumni, the faculty, the student body, and the Provo community. It reminds us of what BYU students and alumni strive for and continue to advocate for future generations: "Enter to learn, and go forth to serve."

The Y is illuminated five times a year, including at freshman orientation, homecoming, graduations in April and August, as well as Y Days, which celebrate BYU's week of service activities, dating back to the school's tradition of whitewashing the Y. It is a nationally recognized symbol of BYU sports, especially its football tradition.

BYU's athletic program is essentially important for all Pacific Islanders who have been given the opportunity, through athletic scholarships, to further their education here in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, BYU once owned the entire area surrounding the Y and the Y Mountain Trail, and the university also currently manages the U.S. Forest Service portion of the trail.

H.R. 4484, however, proposes that the Federal Government sell the Y Mountain at fair market value to BYU, and mandates that proceeds of the sale be used to reduce the Federal budget deficit. The bill also guarantees that public access to the Y and the Y Mountain Trail be maintained following the sale.

It is my strong belief, Mr. Speaker, that permitting BYU to purchase this property would result in better maintenance of the trail and mountain. Given the immense source of pride in the Y Mountain, BYU ownership of the property would only result in improved maintenance, cleanliness, safety, and access for the public. Transfer of ownership would also allow the university to preserve a significant monument for future generations of students and members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, again, I thank my colleagues and especially the gentleman from Utah, as the chief sponsor of this legislation. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I'd advise my friend from the Northern Mariana Islands that I have no more requests for time, and I'm prepared to close if he is.

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, this is again, a good piece of legislation. I urge its adoption.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4484, 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.

RENAMING THE JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE VISITOR CONTACT STATION IN HONOR OF JAMES L. BUCKLEY

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5958) to name the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in honor of James L. Buckley.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5958

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

SECTION 1. NAMING OF JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE VISITOR CONTACT STATION, JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE UNIT, GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.

(a) NAMING.—The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge unit of Gateway National Recreation Area in the State of New York shall be known and designated as the "James L. Buckley Visitor Contact Station".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any statute, rule, regulation, Executive order, publication, map, paper, or other document of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the James L. Buckley Visitor Contact Station.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands (Mr. SABLAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and add extraneous material to the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5958 was introduced by our colleague from New York (Mr. TURNER) to honor Senator James

L. Buckley for his many contributions to America and to the State of New York. The bill recognizes, in particular, his role in establishing the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge and the Gateway National Recreation Area. Senator Buckley was the sponsor of the legislation that created the park and, obviously, participated in the floor debate in the Senate.

Even before his historic election to the Senate as the candidate of the New York Conservative Party, Senator Buckley spoke out in favor of protecting this natural area in the shadow of New York City and from its use as an airport extension.

Senator Buckley is one of the few Americans to have served in the top levels of all three branches of the U.S. Government. In addition to his election to the Senate seat once held by Robert Kennedy, Buckley served as Under Secretary of State, President of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, and judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, generally held to be the second-highest court in our judicial system.

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Naming the visitors' center and the wildlife refuge after Senator Buckley is a particularly fitting tribute, and he is a lifelong naturalist and birder. This is good legislation.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

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

Mr. SABLAN. H.R. 5958 renames the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Contact Station to the James L. Buckley Visitor Contact Station. We do not object to this legislation.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 4 minutes to the author of this legislation, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TURNER).

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5958, which recognizes Senator James L. Buckley for his service to our country and for his efforts to create the Gateway National Recreation Center in New York and New Jersey by renaming the visitors' center in Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge of the Gateway National Recreation Area in his honor.

Senator James L. Buckley has been a true public servant, who served at the highest levels of all three branches of government as well as in the United States Navy during World War II. Along with his fellow New York Senator, Jacob Javits, Senator Buckley had the vision to create a national wildlife refuge center in an urban area, accessible to millions of people in New York City as well as to millions of other residents in the metropolitan area.

In 1970, during his first days in the Senate, Buckley joined Senator Javits