

The battlefields of the American Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War provide a unique opportunity for Americans to experience the epic battles that helped define our Nation. Preserving these American historic treasures is essential to remember the sacrifices that our ancestors made to secure our freedom and independence and preserve our Republic.

With the ongoing bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812 and the ongoing sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War, this is an opportune time to recommit ourselves to the protection of our Nation's hallowed grounds. Historical sites, once lost, are gone forever. We should act now to preserve these valuable sites.

The National Park Service has done an inventory of sites around the country, and they point to many that need this protection now.

I thank my colleague from Virginia for his enthusiastic support. I point out that there is strong bipartisan support for this legislation as cosponsors and other supporters. And I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this bill.

With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

As an original cosponsor of H.R. 1033, I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. HOLT for his continued leadership to preserve and protect important historic battlefields throughout the United States, including those in his home State of New Jersey, which is better known as the "crossroads of the American Revolution."

As a Virginian, this legislation is also especially notable as it will continue to preserve important hallowed ground from our Nation's independence and the Civil War. The Civil War Battlefield Preservation program has been particularly beneficial to the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a result, hard-fought acres of battleground have been preserved in pivotal sites such as Appomattox, Cedar Creek, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Manassas, Petersburg, and Richmond.

Preserving battlefields does more than just honor those who fought in those battles; it protects important places from development. I want to make sure that we continue those efforts in ensuring that we make the effort to keep these battlefields in their proper place in this Nation's history.

I also would like to emphasize that this program doesn't increase the amount of Federal land. I know there's been some criticism to say this is an effort to increase Federal land within this program. While it does increase and expand those battlefield areas that are eligible under the program, it doesn't increase the amount of Federal land in this particular project.

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I want to make sure people understand that because this is really for the protection of battlefields outside of national park boundaries, giving those

concerned within those areas the ability to help preserve those lands. There is no additional management burden on the Federal Government, so these lands are not going to become part of a system in which we have to incur more costs to maintain those lands. It's the ability to make sure that we preserve those lands. Especially today, with the encroachment of development in these areas, these critical, historical sites must be preserved, and this gives the folks in those areas the flexibility and the tools—the ability—to preserve these lands.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I thank my good friend from Virginia, and would reiterate what he has said.

In fact, the original legislation, which we are reauthorizing and extending through this bill, grew out of Virginia. It was because of the critical battlefields in Virginia that were at risk of being lost that this battlefield protection legislation was developed, but it will be beneficial across many States.

If you look where the War of 1812 was fought—in the Deep South and around the Great Lakes—and where the Revolutionary War was fought, which was up and down the Thirteen Colonies, this is something that is of great national importance; and because the authorization is about to expire, it is needed; and because so many of these battlefields are at great risk of being overrun by sprawl and development, it is at the greatest need now.

I urge my colleagues to support it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WITTMAN. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As Mr. HOLT said, preserving battlefields is extraordinarily important, but it does more than just honor those who have fought in the past: it's important that it protects these places that are so important in our Nation's history.

Preserving these battlefields contributes economically to local businesses and to historic communities in these areas across the country. According to a recent study, in just five States, those States including Missouri, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, 15.8 million visitors went to these Civil War sites and spent nearly \$442 million in those local communities and supported 5,150 jobs. We talk all the time up here about jobs and the economy. This is something that we can do to improve and enhance jobs and the economy in these local communities.

We are blessed in Virginia, as Mr. HOLT said, with a rich history. According to the Virginia Tourism Corporation, Civil War site visitors stay longer and spend more than twice as much as the average visitor to the Commonwealth. Preserving battlefields is good for local communities and businesses, and it's good for jobs and the economy.

Mr. HOLT. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WITTMAN. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. HOLT. I would like to add to his economic numbers the fiscal fact that this does not appropriate any funds. We are just reauthorizing existing legislation and extending it.

I thank the gentleman.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, again, the bill continues a modest investment of Federal resources to protect these hallowed grounds where independence was won and our Republic secured.

I do want to reiterate what Mr. HOLT said in that this legislation does not increase authorized spending. Proponents of this program sought to double the annual spending authorization and add Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 sites to those eligible for grants, but the committee made sure that there was no increase in spending and insisted that the proposal be added to keep the authorization flat at these current levels when adding additional war sites. We wanted to make sure we had the opportunity for sites to be included, but in understanding where we are with the Nation's deficit, we wanted to make sure that we could preserve these sites without adding to the deficit. I think this is a very responsible way to do that, to make sure that communities have the ability to do the things they need to do, and also to make sure we keep in mind the times that we face here at the Federal level.

So I believe it's an extraordinarily good bill, and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1033.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1033.

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. WITTMAN. 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, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 678, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SMALL CONDUIT HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND RURAL JOBS ACT

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-31) on the resolution (H. Res. 140) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 678) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 254; motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 1033; and approval of the Journal, in each case by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

BONNEVILLE UNIT CLEAN HYDROPOWER FACILITATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 254) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 4, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 90]

YEAS—400

Aderholt	Blumenauer	Cardenas
Alexander	Bonamici	Carney
Amodei	Bonner	Carson (IN)
Andrews	Boustany	Carter
Bachmann	Brady (PA)	Cartwright
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Cassidy
Barber	Braley (IA)	Castro (TX)
Barletta	Bridenstine	Chabot
Barr	Brooks (IN)	Chaffetz
Barrow (GA)	Brown (FL)	Chu
Barton	Brownley (CA)	Cicilline
Bass	Buchanan	Clarke
Beatty	Bucshon	Clay
Becerra	Burgess	Cleaver
Benishek	Bustos	Clyburn
Bentivolio	Calvert	Coble
Bera (CA)	Camp	Coffman
Bishop (GA)	Campbell	Cole
Bishop (NY)	Cantor	Collins (GA)
Bishop (UT)	Capito	Collins (NY)
Black	Capps	Conaway
Blackburn	Capuano	Connolly

Conyers	Huelskamp	O'Rourke
Cook	Huffman	Olson
Cooper	Huizenga (MI)	Owens
Costa	Hultgren	Palazzo
Cotton	Hunter	Pallone
Courtney	Hurt	Pascarell
Cramer	Israel	Pastor (AZ)
Crawford	Issa	Paulsen
Crenshaw	Jackson Lee	Payne
Crowley	Jeffries	Pearce
Cuellar	Jenkins	Pelosi
Daines	Johnson (GA)	Perlmutter
Davis (CA)	Johnson (OH)	Perry
Davis, Danny	Johnson, E. B.	Peters (CA)
Davis, Rodney	Johnson, Sam	Peters (MI)
DeFazio	Jones	Peterson
DeGette	Jordan	Petri
Delaney	Joyce	Pingree (ME)
DeLauro	Keating	Pittenger
DelBene	Kelly	Pitts
Denham	Kennedy	Pocan
Dent	Kilmer	Polis
DeSantis	Kind	Pompeo
DesJarlais	King (IA)	Posey
Deutch	King (NY)	Price (GA)
Diaz-Balart	Kingston	Price (NC)
Dingell	Kinzie (IL)	Quigley
Doggett	Kirkpatrick	Rahall
Doyle	Kline	Rangel
Duckworth	Kuster	Reed
Duffy	Labrador	Reichert
Duncan (SC)	LaMalfa	Renacci
Duncan (TN)	Lamborn	Ribble
Edwards	Lance	Rice (SC)
Ellison	Langevin	Richmond
Ellmers	Lankford	Rigell
Engel	Larsen (WA)	Roby
Enyart	Larson (CT)	Roe (TN)
Eshoo	Latham	Rogers (AL)
Esty	Latta	Rogers (KY)
Farenthold	Lee (CA)	Rogers (MI)
Farr	Levin	Rokita
Fattah	Lewis	Rooney
Fincher	Lipinski	Roskam
Fitzpatrick	LoBiondo	Ross
Fleischmann	Lofgren	Rothfus
Fleming	Long	Roybal-Allard
Flores	Lowenthal	Royce
Forbes	Lowe	Ruiz
Fortenberry	Lucas	Runyan
Foster	Luetkemeyer	Rush
Fox	Lujan, Ben Ray	Ryan (WI)
Frankel (FL)	(NM)	Salmon
Franks (AZ)	Lummis	Sanchez, Linda
Frelinghuysen	Maffei	T.
Fudge	Maloney, Sean	Sanchez, Loretta
Gabbard	Marchant	Sarbanes
Gallego	Marino	Scalise
Garcia	Massie	Schakowsky
Gardner	Matheson	Schiff
Garrett	Matsui	Schneider
Gerlach	McCarthy (CA)	Schock
Gibbs	McCarthy (NY)	Schrader
Gibson	McCauley	Schwartz
Gingrey (GA)	McClintock	Schweikert
Gionta	McCollum	Scott (VA)
Gosar	McGovern	Scott, Austin
Gowdy	McHenry	Scott, David
Granger	McIntyre	Sensenbrenner
Graves (GA)	McKeon	Serrano
Graves (MO)	McKinley	Sessions
Grayson	McMorris	Sewell (AL)
Green, Al	Rodgers	Shea-Porter
Green, Gene	McNerney	Sherman
Griffin (AR)	Meadows	Shimkus
Griffith (VA)	Meehan	Shuster
Grimm	Meeks	Simpson
Guthrie	Meng	Sinema
Hahn	Messer	Sires
Hall	Mica	Slaughter
Hanabusa	Miller (FL)	Smith (NE)
Hanna	Miller (MI)	Smith (NJ)
Harper	Miller, Gary	Smith (TX)
Harris	Miller, George	Smith (WA)
Hartzler	Moore	Southerland
Hastings (WA)	Moran	Speier
Heck (NV)	Mullin	Stewart
Heck (WA)	Mulvaney	Stivers
Hensarling	Murphy (FL)	Stockman
Herrera Beutler	Murphy (PA)	Stutzman
Higgins	Nadler	Swalwell (CA)
Himes	Napolitano	Takano
Hinojosa	Neal	Terry
Holding	Negrete McLeod	Thompson (CA)
Holt	Neugebauer	Thompson (MS)
Honda	Nolan	Thompson (PA)
Horsford	Nugent	Thornberry
Hoyer	Nunes	Tiberi
Hudson	Nunnelee	Tierney

Tipton	Walberg	Williams
Titus	Walden	Wilson (FL)
Tonko	Walorski	Wilson (SC)
Tsongas	Walz	Wittman
Turner	Wasserman	Wolf
Upton	Schultz	Womack
Valadao	Waters	Woodall
Van Hollen	Watt	Yarmuth
Vargas	Waxman	Yoder
Veasey	Weber (TX)	Yoho
Vela	Webster (FL)	Young (AK)
Velázquez	Welch	Young (FL)
Visclosky	Wenstrup	Young (IN)
Wagner	Westmoreland	

NAYS—4

Amash	Kaptur
Garamendi	McDermott

NOT VOTING—27

Bilirakis	Gutierrez	Michaud
Brooks (AL)	Hastings (FL)	Noem
Broun (GA)	Kildee	Poe (TX)
Butterfield	Loeb	Radel
Castor (FL)	Lujan Grisham	Rohrabacher
Cohen	(NM)	Ros-Lehtinen
Culberson	Lynch	Ruppersberger
Cummins	Maloney	Ryan (OH)
Gohmert	Carolyn	Whitfield
Grijalva	Markey	

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Mr. CAPUANO changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE BARONESS MARGARET THATCHER, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House, and further ask unanimous consent that it be read in full.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. ROBY). Without objection, the Clerk will report the resolution.

There was no objection.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 141

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has learned with profound sorrow of the death of Baroness Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives tenders its deep sympathies to the members of the family of the late Baroness Margaret Thatcher and her countrymen.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors the legacy of Baroness Margaret Thatcher for her life-long commitment to advancing freedom, liberty, and democracy and for her friendship to the United States of America.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to communicate these expressions of sentiment to the family of the deceased and to the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it do so as a mark of respect to the