

I wish the best to John and his wife, JoAnn, as he retires from this legislative service. Serving as a citizen-legislator can often be a thankless task. The people of West Virginia owe him a debt of gratitude for his decades of service and his dedication to West Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). 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 votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

LINCOLN ROOM DESIGNATION

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1063) designating room H-226 of the United States Capitol as the "Lincoln Room".

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1063

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was elected to the House of Representatives in 1846 to represent the 7th Congressional District of Illinois in the Thirtieth Congress from March 1847 to March 1849;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln served the people for 15 years as a State Legislator, Member of Congress, and President of the United States;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was a member of the Illinois General Assembly for four terms and was respected as an effective leader of his party and a popular campaigner;

Whereas during Congressman Lincoln's tenure, the room now designated as room H-226 of the United States Capitol was used as the post office of the House, where he spent almost every morning exchanging stories near the fireplace;

Whereas the old post office space was just steps away from Congressman Lincoln's desk, where he worked and voted and is now marked by a gold plaque on the floor of Statuary Hall;

Whereas Congressman Lincoln was known to be the champion story-teller of the Capitol, having an endless repertoire of tales;

Whereas Abraham Lincoln was one of America's greatest presidents, whose life was a story of adversity, perseverance, and leadership; and

Whereas when the United States was at its darkest hour, Abraham Lincoln fought to end slavery and brought the country back together: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That room H-226 of the United States Capitol is designated as the "Lincoln Room".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. 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 H. Res. 1063.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 1036 designates the room H-226 of the U.S. Capitol as the Lincoln Room.

I appreciate my colleagues' work on this and find it an appropriate honor for such a distinguished leader of our country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I also support H. Res. 1063. This bipartisan bill designates room H-226 in the U.S. Capitol as the Lincoln Room.

As we all know, President Abraham Lincoln is commonly considered one of the greatest President's in the history of the United States. But what you might not know is that President Lincoln, at one point in his career, was a Member of the House of Representatives from the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois.

President Lincoln served one term in Congress, from 1847 to 1849, and was known for his opposition to the institution of slavery and the Mexican-American war. During his short time in Congress, President Lincoln spent a significant amount of his leisure time in the U.S. Capitol room now known as H-226.

This resolution, which names the room for President Lincoln, is an appropriate honor for a former Member of this distinguished body who led our country in one of its darkest hours. So I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to support it as well.

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

Mr. MAST. 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 Florida (Mr. MAST) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1063.

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. MASSIE. 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.

AMENDING FEDERAL ASSETS SALE AND TRANSFER ACT OF 2016 TO ENSURE ADEQUATE TIME FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS REFORM BOARD

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 7318) to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to ensure that the Public Buildings Reform Board has adequate time to carry out the responsibilities of the Board, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7318

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

SECTION 1. FEDERAL ASSETS SALE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(c)(2) of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 1303 note; Public Law 114-287) is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraph (B);

(2) by striking the paragraph designation and heading and all that follows through "In selecting" in subparagraph (A) in the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting the following:

"(2) APPOINTMENTS.—In selecting"; and

(3) by redesignating clauses (i) through (iv) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively, and indenting appropriately.

(b) TERMINATION.—Section 10 of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 1303 note; Public Law 114-287) is amended by striking "the date of enactment of this Act" and inserting "the date on which the Board members are appointed pursuant to section 4".

(c) ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.—Section 12(e) of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 1303 note; Public Law 114-287) is amended in the first sentence by striking "the date of enactment of this Act" and inserting "the date on which the Board members are appointed pursuant to section 4".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. 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 H.R. 7318.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 7318 amends the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to align the timeline for the sale of unneeded properties with the appointment of the Public Buildings Reform Board.

This bill will result in more savings for the taxpayer by providing the Board with sufficient time to identify properties to be sold or redeveloped.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I also support H.R. 7318. This bill that is under consideration this morning addresses an outstanding issue that has emerged since Congress originally passed the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act, known as FASTA, back in 2016.

FASTA authorized an independent Board to make recommendations on real estate actions designed to dispose of unneeded Federal real estate and redevelop underutilized property. This bill amends FASTA and aligns the dates of the termination of the Public Buildings Reform Board created by FASTA with the appointment of those Board members.

I have worked closely with Chairman BARLETTA during his tenure as chairman of the Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee, and I appreciate his leadership in making the management of real estate more efficient.

I also look forward to continuing his work to help the General Services Administration scrutinize the real estate decisions of the Federal Government in order to find savings, promote energy efficiency, and ensure transparency. Towards that end, I look forward to conducting vigorous oversight of the GSA in the next Congress to ensure that the American taxpayers are receiving full value for their dollars that are being invested in Federal real estate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. 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 Florida (Mr. MAST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7318.

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. MASSIE. 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.

AMENDING FEDERAL ASSETS SALE AND TRANSFER ACT OF 2016 WITH RESPECT TO LEASEBACK OF CERTAIN FEDERAL PROPERTY

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7319) to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide flexibility with respect to the leaseback of certain Federal real property, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7319

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

SECTION 1. LEASEBACK RESTRICTION.

Section 12(b)(4) of the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 1303 note; Public Law 114-287) is amended—

(1) by inserting “for a period of greater than 3 years” before the period at the end;

(2) by striking “None of the” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—None of the”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—A leaseback under this paragraph—

“(i) shall expire on or before the last day of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the sale of the respective property;

“(ii) may not contain any options to extend or renew the leaseback;

“(iii) may only be entered into once for purposes of temporarily housing the Federal agency in the property at the time of the sale; and

“(iv) shall only be for the purpose of facilitating the sale of the respective property.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. 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 H.R. 7319.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 7319 amends the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to provide leaseback flexibility in certain circumstances to facilitate the sale of property and maximize the return to the taxpayer.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of H.R. 7319. This bill addresses an issue which has come up since the enactment of FASTA in the last Congress. The change allows the Federal Government to temporarily lease back a piece of Federal property in order to facilitate the sale of that property. Ultimately, the goal of this provision is to allow the government to more readily dispose of underutilized property.

I look forward to working with the Public Buildings Reform Board, as I mentioned, once all of its members are appointed, and I urge Members of this body to support this legislation.

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

Mr. MAST. 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 Florida (Mr. MAST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7319.

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. MASSIE. 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.

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO FRANK LOBIONDO COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7329) to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7329

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

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) Upon the date amendments to section 3305(d)(3)(B) of title 46, United States Code, take effect under section 501(a) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282), such section is amended by striking “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017” and inserting “Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018”.

(b) Upon the date section 4312 of title 46, United States Code, takes effect under section 503(c) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282), such section is amended by striking “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017” each place it appears and inserting “Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018”.

(c) Section 821(a)(2) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by striking “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017” and inserting “this Act”.

(d) Section 820(b)(2) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by inserting “and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115-141)” after “(Public Law 115-31)”.

(e) Section 820(a) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by striking “years 2018 and” and inserting “year”.

(f) Section 810(d) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) is amended by striking “within 30 days after receiving the notice under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall, by not later than 60 days after transmitting such notice,” and inserting “in accordance within subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall”.

(g) Subsections (a) and (d) of section 408 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) shall have no force or effect.

(h) This section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-282) and apply as if included therein as enacted.

SEC. 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE; REPRESENTATION.

Section 15106(c)(3) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “mineral and oil operations, including geophysical services” and inserting “operations”;

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking “exploration and recovery”;