

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Representative NEGUSE for his efforts to resolve this longstanding ownership issue, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5459 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to exchange a 0.18-acre parcel of park land for the same amount of private land to resolve a land ownership issue within the boundary of the Rocky Mountain National Park.

In the 1970s, the National Park Service purchased land surrounding a private inholding. An error in the bank's legal description incorrectly included a 0.18-acre parcel in that purchase. As a result, the parcel the National Park Service acquired included a family cabin, and the private owner acquired a vacant lot, not the cabin site.

This bill will permanently resolve this issue with an equal value land swap and ensure that the intent of the original purchase is met. This may be the tiniest amount of land that we have ever considered in a land use bill, but it is, nevertheless, an important piece of land and a good bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I urge an "aye" vote, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LAMBORN. 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. HUFFMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5459.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK  
BOUNDARY EXPANSION AND  
STUDY ACT OF 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7098) to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the park, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7098

*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 "Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2020".

**SEC. 2. BOUNDARY OF SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK.**

Section 4 of the Saguaro National Park Establishment Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-364; 108 Stat. 3467) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting "(1)" before "The boundaries of the park"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(2)(A) The boundaries of the park are further modified to include approximately 1,232 acres, as generally depicted on the map titled 'Saguaro National Park Proposed Boundary Adjustment', numbered 151/80,045G, and dated October 2020.

"(B) The map referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be on file and available for inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.;"

(2) by striking subsection (b)(2) and inserting the following new paragraphs:

"(2) The Secretary may, with the consent of the State of Arizona and in accordance with Federal and State law, acquire land or interests therein owned by the State of Arizona within the boundary of the park.

"(3) If the Secretary is unable to acquire the State land under paragraph (2), the Secretary may enter into an agreement with the State that would allow the National Park Service to manage State land within the boundary of the park.;" and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d) BOUNDARY STUDY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a study to identify any lands outside the boundaries of the park that may be appropriate for inclusion in the park.

"(2) CRITERIA.—The study shall be conducted in accordance with National Park Service criteria for boundary adjustment studies.

"(3) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date funds are made available for the study under this subsection, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the study.;"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 7098, a bill introduced by the chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, Raul Grijalva from Arizona.

This bill would modify the boundaries of Saguaro National Park and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands within these new boundaries from willing sellers. The bill would also require the Secretary to study future potential boundary expansions and land acquisitions that would add to the park's natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

Saguaro National Park is a true urban oasis, located in the Tucson met-

opolitan area in Chairman GRIJALVA's hometown. This park provides habitat for iconic species, including its namesake—the saguaro cactus—and the desert tortoise, and it provides unparalleled recreational resources, such as hiking and mountain biking trails.

The expansion authorized in this bill would add to those abundant resources and provide an important linkage between the park and Pima County's Sweetwater Preserve, expanding access to southern Arizona's public lands.

There is broad local support for this expansion, which includes the Pima County Administrator, the Tucson Mountain Homeowners Association, and each individual owner of the land identified for inclusion in the park.

This bill is not just a win for the residents of southern Arizona; it is also a win for our national parks and public lands.

Expanding the future of conservation and access to public lands is a hallmark of Chairman GRIJALVA's leadership, so I want to thank him for that and for his hard work on this bill, and I urge its swift adoption by the House.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 7098 would expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, Arizona, by a cumulative total of approximately 1,232 acres.

For those who haven't visited this park, it is another one of the jewels of our National Park System. I have been there, and I would urge everyone who has a chance to also visit this beautiful place.

The bill also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land owned by the State of Arizona within the boundary of the park.

In addition, the bill also authorizes agreements where the National Park Service would manage State-owned land within the boundary of the park where acquisition is not possible.

Finally, the bill also authorizes a study to identify future potential park expansions to better protect desert habitats in the greater Tucson area.

Now, while I don't understand why the State of Arizona would want the National Park Service to manage any more land within its boundaries, this bill does go about expanding a park unit in the right way: through an open, deliberative process in Congress. This bill authorizes a rather large addition to the park, but we heard no local opposition to the expansion.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I urge an "aye" vote, and I yield the balance of my time.

Mr. LAMBORN. 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. HUFFMAN) that the House suspend the

rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7098, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to authorize a study of additional land for potential inclusion in the park, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### LONG BRIDGE ACT OF 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7489) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service for the construction of rail and other infrastructure, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7489

*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 “Long Bridge Act of 2020”.

#### SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCES.

(a) CONVEYANCES AUTHORIZED.—On request of the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia, as applicable, the Secretary of the Interior may, subject to any terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be necessary, convey to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia, as applicable, any Federal land or interest in Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that is identified by the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia, as applicable, as necessary for the Long Bridge Project.

(b) REVERSION.—If any portion of the Federal land or interest in Federal land conveyed under subsection (a) is no longer being used for railroad purposes or recreational use, title to the portion of the Federal land or interest in the portion of the Federal land shall revert to the Secretary, on a determination by the Secretary that the portion of the Federal land has been remediated and restored to a condition determined to be satisfactory by the Secretary.

(c) TEMPORARY USE.—The Secretary may allow the temporary use of any Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that is identified by the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia, as applicable, as necessary for the construction of the Long Bridge Project, subject to any terms and conditions determined to be necessary by the Secretary.

(d) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may recover from the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia, as applicable, all costs incurred by the Secretary in providing or procuring necessary services associated with a conveyance under subsection (a) or use authorized under subsection (c).

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) LONG BRIDGE PROJECT.—The term “Long Bridge Project” means the project consisting of improvements to the Long Bridge and re-

lated railroad infrastructure between Rosslyn (RO) Interlocking in Arlington, Virginia, and L’Enfant (LE) Interlocking near 10th Street SW in the District of Columbia, the purpose of which is to expand commuter and regional passenger rail service and provide bicycle and pedestrian access crossings over the Potomac River.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service.

#### SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7489, the Long Bridge Act, introduced by our colleague, Representative WITTMAN, from Virginia.

This bill is a simple piece of legislation, but it is important. It authorizes the National Park Service to convey select parcels of land to the Commonwealth of Virginia or the District of Columbia in order to facilitate updates to the Long Bridge, a critical commuter and freight rail corridor in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

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The existing bridge, which is used by Amtrak, the Virginia Railway Express, and CSX Transportation was built all the way back in 1904. It has not been substantially upgraded since 1942.

The current project is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation, and the District of Columbia, and it will double capacity of the bridge by constructing a second bridge alongside the existing structure.

Allowing the National Park Service to convey small tracts of land will facilitate completion of this very important upgrade.

To be clear, we are not talking about land that includes historic resources, open space, or park-like qualities.

The agency has final say in what can be transferred, and the bill includes

important safeguards to ensure that the land identified for conveyance is used only for railroad purposes.

This project is a priority for this region, and I am happy to lend my support to this commonsense, bipartisan solution.

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

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

H.R. 7489, offered by our Natural Resources Committee colleague from Virginia, Mr. WITTMAN, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convey about 4.4 acres of Federal property for the construction of a new commuter rail and pedestrian bridge spanning the Potomac.

Current law allows a right of way for railroads on most Federal lands, but not for railroads on National Park Service lands, therefore, legislation is needed to authorize a small amount of National Park System land to be conveyed or used by Virginia to construct a railroad.

The Long Bridge Project will double the capacity of the Potomac River rail crossing by adding a second two-track bridge adjacent to the existing bridge, as well as a pedestrian crossing.

I commend Representative WITTMAN for his hard work on the Long Bridge Project and for this bipartisan and tri-jurisdiction legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER).

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Today I rise in support of the Long Bridge Act of 2020, which I proudly colead with my colleague from Virginia, Congressman ROB WITTMAN.

The existing Long Bridge is the only rail bridge connecting Virginia to Washington, D.C., and it is the main rail connection between the southeast and northeast for both passenger and freight rail.

The Long Bridge is old and rusty and ugly and a treasured part of our landscape. It was authorized by Congress in 1808 and signed into law by President Thomas Jefferson. It cost \$200,000 to build initially.

Now, during peak hours, the two-track bridge is at almost 98 percent capacity, which makes it a significant chokepoint along the East Coast from Washington, D.C., all the way to Florida.

That is why the Long Bridge Project is so crucial. It would double the capacity of the Potomac River rail crossing by adding a second two-track bridge adjacent to the existing bridge.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot stress how impactful the new Long Bridge Project will be, projecting an annual \$6 billion in benefits to the region by 2040.

However, the land where construction will take place on both sides of the Potomac River is controlled by the National Park Service, and it is currently