

Our committee investigation makes crystal clear why Trump and his cronies obstructed our work. Trump's handpicked Treasury Secretary and IRS head were at best derelict. At worst they were corrupt and criminal.

Trump paid a pittance in taxes for years. He overinflated losses to shirk his duty as an American citizen.

Trump's government failed to conduct a mandatory review of his tax records. They broke the law.

We provided the IRS with funds to prevent tax cheats from abusing our tax code. Now, we must ensure the IRS cannot meddle with the audit process and presidential returns are made public.

Americans must have faith that our tax system is fair. No one is above the law. It is time to act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1529, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BRADY. Madam 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 question will be postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 680. An act for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar.

H.R. 897. An act to take certain lands in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1154. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con Res. 82. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870–1989".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1541. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure just and reasonable charges for telephone and advanced communications services in correctional and detention facilities.

S. 3405. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue a rule pro-

viding that certain low power television stations may be accorded primary status as Class A television licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 4439. An act to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes.

S. 4814. An act to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment, and for other purposes.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1529, I call up the bill (S. 1942) to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1529, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1942

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 "National Heritage Area Act".

SEC. 2. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle I of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"DIVISION C—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

"CHAPTER 1201—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM

"Sec.

"120101. Definition of National Heritage Area.

"120102. Establishment of National Heritage Area System.

"120103. National Heritage Area studies and designation.

"120104. Evaluation.

"§ 120101. Definition of National Heritage Area

"In this chapter, the term 'National Heritage Area' means a component of the National Heritage Area System described in section 120102(b).

"§ 120102. Establishment of National Heritage Area System

"(a) IN GENERAL.—To recognize certain areas of the United States that tell nationally significant stories and to conserve, enhance, and interpret those nationally significant stories and the natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources of areas that illustrate significant aspects of the heritage of the United States, there is established a National Heritage Area System through the administration of which the Secretary may provide technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment, development, and continuity of the National Heritage Areas.

"(b) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM COMPONENTS.—The National Heritage Area System shall be composed of—

"(1) each National Heritage Area, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Canalway, Cultural Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Route, and National Heritage Partnership designated by Congress be-

fore or on the date of enactment of this chapter; and

"(2) each National Heritage Area designated by Congress after the date of enactment of this chapter.

"(c) RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYSTEM.—

"(1) RELATIONSHIP TO SYSTEM UNITS.—The Secretary shall—

"(A) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, participation and assistance by any administrator of the System unit that is located near or encompassed by a National Heritage Area in local initiatives for the National Heritage Area to conserve and interpret resources consistent with the applicable management plan for the National Heritage Area; and

"(B) work with local coordinating entities to promote public enjoyment of System units and System-related resources.

"(2) TREATMENT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A National Heritage Area shall not be—

"(i) considered to be a System unit; or

"(ii) subject to the authorities applicable to System units.

"(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the administration of a System unit located within the boundaries of a National Heritage Area.

"(d) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may—

"(1) conduct or review, as applicable, feasibility studies in accordance with section 120103(a);

"(2) conduct an evaluation of the accomplishments of, and submit to Congress a report that includes recommendations regarding the role of the Service with respect to, each National Heritage Area, in accordance with section 120104;

"(3) enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, States, Tribal governments, local governments, local coordinating entities, and other interested individuals and entities to achieve the purposes of the National Heritage Area System;

"(4) provide information, promote understanding, and encourage research regarding National Heritage Areas, in partnership with local coordinating entities; and

"(5) provide national oversight, analysis, coordination, technical and financial assistance, and support to ensure consistency and accountability of the National Heritage Area System.

"§ 120103. National Heritage Area studies and designation

"(a) STUDIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary may carry out or review a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of each proposed National Heritage Area for designation as a National Heritage Area.

"(2) PREPARATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A study under paragraph (1) may be carried out—

"(i) by the Secretary, in consultation with State and local historic preservation officers, State and local historical societies, State and local tourism offices, and other appropriate organizations and governmental agencies; or

"(ii) by interested individuals or entities, if the Secretary certifies that the completed study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

"(B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a study carried out by interested individuals or entities under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary shall review and certify whether the study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

"(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A study under paragraph (1) shall include analysis, documentation, and determinations on whether the proposed National Heritage Area—

“(A) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and cultural resources that—

“(i) represent distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United States;

“(ii) are worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continuing use; and

“(iii) would be best managed—

“(I) through partnerships among public and private entities; and

“(II) by linking diverse and sometimes noncontiguous resources and active communities;

“(B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the United States;

“(C) provides outstanding opportunities—

“(i) to conserve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features; and

“(ii) for recreation and education;

“(D) contains resources that—

“(i) are important to any identified themes of the proposed National Heritage Area; and

“(ii) retain a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

“(E) includes a diverse group of residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments that—

“(i) are involved in the planning of the proposed National Heritage Area;

“(ii) have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles of all participants in the proposed National Heritage Area, including the Federal Government; and

“(iii) have demonstrated significant support for the designation of the proposed National Heritage Area;

“(F) has a potential management entity to work in partnership with the individuals and entities described in subparagraph (E) to develop the proposed National Heritage Area while encouraging State and local economic activity; and

“(G) has a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.

“(4) REPORT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For each study carried out under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that describes—

“(i) any correspondence received by the Secretary demonstrating support for, or opposition to, the establishment of the National Heritage Area;

“(ii) the findings of the study; and

“(iii) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

“(B) TIMING.—

“(i) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE SECRETARY.—With respect to a study carried out by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(i), the Secretary shall submit a report under subparagraph (A) not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to carry out the study.

“(ii) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.—With respect to a study carried out by interested individuals or entities in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(ii), the Secretary shall submit a report under subparagraph (A) not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary certifies under paragraph (2)(B) that the study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

“(b) DESIGNATION.—An area shall be designated as a National Heritage Area only by an Act of Congress.

“§ 120104. Evaluation

“(a) IN GENERAL.—At reasonable and appropriate intervals, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary may—

“(1) conduct an evaluation of the accomplishments of a National Heritage Area in accordance with subsection (b); and

“(2) prepare and submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-

ate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that includes recommendations for the continued role of the Service with respect to each National Heritage Area in accordance with subsection (c).

“(b) COMPONENTS.—An evaluation under subsection (a)(1) shall—

“(1) assess the progress of the applicable local coordinating entity of a National Heritage Area with respect to—

“(A) accomplishing the purposes of the applicable National Heritage Area; and

“(B) achieving the goals and objectives of the management plan;

“(2) analyze Federal, State, local, Tribal government, and private investments in the National Heritage Area to determine the leverage and impact of the investments; and

“(3) review the management structure, partnership relationships, and funding of the National Heritage Area for purposes of identifying the critical components for sustainability of the National Heritage Area.

“(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each report under subsection (a)(2) shall include—

“(1) if the report contains a recommendation of the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable National Heritage Area should be continued, an analysis of—

“(A) any means by which that Federal funding may be reduced or eliminated over time; and

“(B) the appropriate time period necessary to achieve the recommended reduction or elimination of Federal funding; or

“(2) if the report contains a recommendation of the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable National Heritage Area should be eliminated, a description of potential impacts on conservation, interpretation, and sustainability in the applicable National Heritage Area.”

(b) PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTECTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section (including an amendment made by this section)—

(A) abridges any right of a public or private property owner, including the right to refrain from participating in any plan, project, program, or activity conducted within a National Heritage Area;

(B) requires any property owner to permit public access (including Federal, State, Tribal government, or local government access) to a property;

(C) modifies any provision of Federal, State, Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or use of private land;

(D)(i) alters any applicable land use regulation, land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal government; or

(ii) conveys to any local coordinating entity any land use or other regulatory authority;

(E) authorizes or implies the reservation or appropriation of water or water rights;

(F) diminishes the authority of a State to manage fish and wildlife, including through the regulation of fishing and hunting within a National Heritage Area in the State; or

(G) creates or affects any liability—

(i) under any other provision of law; or

(ii) of any private property owner with respect to any person injured on private property.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8004(f) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1245) is amended by striking paragraphs (2) through (4) and inserting the following:

“(2) requires any property owner to permit public access (including Federal, State, Tribal government, or local government access) to a property;

“(3) modifies any provision of Federal, State, Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or use of private land;

“(4)(A) alters any applicable land use regulation, land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal government; or

“(B) conveys to any local coordinating entity any land use or other regulatory authority;”

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3052(a) of Public Law 113–291 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note) is amended by striking paragraph (2).

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for subtitle I of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“DIVISION C—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS”

“1201. National Heritage Area System.....120101”.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDIES.

(a) KAENA POINT NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), in consultation with State of Hawaii and local historic preservation officers, State and local historical societies, State and local tourism offices, and other appropriate organizations and governmental agencies and in accordance with section 120103(a) of title 54, United States Code, shall conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating all or a portion of Honolulu County on the island of Oahu as a National Heritage Area, to be known as the “Kaena Point National Heritage Area”.

(b) GREAT DISMAL SWAMP NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with State and local organizations and governmental agencies, Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and other appropriate entities and in accordance with section 120103(a) of title 54, United States Code, shall conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating the areas described in paragraph (2) in the States of Virginia and North Carolina as a National Heritage Area, to be known as the “Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area”.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA.—The areas to be studied under paragraph (1) include—

(A) the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk in the State of Virginia;

(B) Isle of Wight County in the State of Virginia;

(C) Camden, Currituck, Gates, and Pasquotank Counties in the State of North Carolina; and

(D) any other area in the State of Virginia or North Carolina that—

(i) has heritage aspects that are similar to the heritage aspects of an area described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); and

(ii) is adjacent to, or in the vicinity of, an area described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).

(c) GUAM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with appropriate regional and local organizations or agencies, and in accordance with section 120103(a) of title 54, United States Code, shall conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in Guam as a National Heritage Area.

SEC. 4. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATIONS.

(a) DESIGNATIONS.—Section 6001(a) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 768) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) ALABAMA BLACK BELT NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area in the State of Alabama, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Alabama Black Belt Proposed National Heritage Area’, numbered 258/177,272, and dated September 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Center for the Study of the Black Belt at the University of West Alabama shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(8) BRONZEVILLE-BLACK METROPOLIS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, ILLINOIS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois.

“(B) BOUNDARIES.—The National Heritage Area shall consist of the region in the city of Chicago, Illinois, bounded as follows:

“(i) 18th Street on the north to 22nd Street on the south, from Lake Michigan on the east to Wentworth Avenue on the west.

“(ii) 22nd Street on the north to 35th Street on the south, from Lake Michigan on the east to the Dan Ryan Expressway on the west.

“(iii) 35th Street on the north to 47th Street on the south, from Lake Michigan on the east to the B&O Railroad (Stewart Avenue) on the west.

“(iv) 47th Street on the north to 55th Street on the south, from Cottage Grove Avenue on the east to the Dan Ryan Expressway on the west.

“(v) 55th Street on the north to 67th Street on the south, from State Street on the west to Cottage Grove Avenue/ South Chicago Avenue on the east.

“(vi) 67th Street on the North to 71st Street on the South, from Cottage Grove Avenue/ South Chicago Avenue on the west to the Metra Railroad tracks on the east.

“(C) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Black Metropolis National Heritage Area Commission shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(9) DOWNEAST MAINE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Downeast Maine National Heritage Area in the State of Maine, consisting of Hancock and Washington Counties, Maine.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Sunrise County Economic Council shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(10) NORTHERN NECK NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, VIRGINIA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Northern Neck National Heritage Area in the State of Virginia, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Northern Neck National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary’, numbered 671/177,224, and dated August 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Northern Neck Tourism Commission, a working committee of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, shall serve as the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(11) ST. CROIX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established on the island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, the St. Croix National Heritage Area, consisting of the entire island of St. Croix.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(12) SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR, NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Southern Campaign of the Revolution Proposed National Heritage Corridor’, numbered 257/177,271, and dated September 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The University of South Carolina shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(13) SOUTHERN MARYLAND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary’, numbered 672/177,225B, and dated November 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).”

(b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—For the purposes of section 6001(c) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9; 133 Stat. 772), the local coordinating entity for each of the National Heritage Areas designated under the amendment made by subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary for approval a proposed management plan for the applicable National Heritage Area not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—For the purposes of section 6001(g)(4) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9; 133 Stat. 776), the authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under that section for each of the National Heritage Areas designated under the amendment made by subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITIES.

(a) EXTENSIONS.—

(1) ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 126 of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1984 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 98-398; 98 Stat. 1456; 120 Stat. 1853), as amended by section 119(a) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(2) JOHN H. CHAFEE BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 10(a) of Public Law 99-647 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 100 Stat. 3630; 104 Stat. 1018; 128 Stat. 3804), as amended by section 119(b) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(3) DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 12 of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 100-692; 102 Stat. 4558; 112 Stat. 3260; 123 Stat. 1293; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(c) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”; and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(4) THE LAST GREEN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 106(b) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (54

U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 103-449; 108 Stat. 4755; 113 Stat. 1728; 123 Stat. 1291; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(d) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(5) NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 107 of the National Coal Heritage Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4244; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(6) TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA.—Section 208 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4248; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(e)(9) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(7) AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 310 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4252; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(e)(7) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(8) RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 408 of the Steel Industry American Heritage Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4256; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(2) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(9) ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 507 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4260; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(3) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(10) SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 607 of the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4264; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(e)(8) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(11) AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP.—Section 707 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4267; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(4) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(12) OHIO & ERIE NATIONAL HERITAGE CANALWAY.—Section 809 of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4275; 122 Stat. 826; 127 Stat. 420; 128

Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(5) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(13) MAURICE D. HINCHEY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 910 of division II of Public Law 104-333 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 110 Stat. 4281; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(6) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(14) MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 109 of the Automobile National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 105-355; 112 Stat. 3252; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(f) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(15) LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 108 of the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106-278; 114 Stat. 818; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(g)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(16) SCHUYLKILL RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 209 of the Schuylkill River Valley Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106-278; 114 Stat. 824; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(g)(2) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(17) WHEELING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (i) of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106-291; 114 Stat. 967; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(h) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(18) YUMA CROSSING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 7 of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106-319; 114 Stat. 1284; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(i) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(19) ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 811 of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106-554; 114 Stat. 2763A-295; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(j) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(20) BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (j) of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Act of 2003 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108-108; 117 Stat. 1280; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(k) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(21) NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA.—Section 512 of the National Aviation Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108-447; 118 Stat. 3367; 133 Stat. 2713) is amended by striking “September 30, 2022” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(22) OIL REGION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 608 of the Oil Region National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108-447; 118 Stat. 3372; 133 Stat. 2713) is amended by striking “September 30, 2022” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(23) NORTHERN RIO GRANDE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 208 of the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1790), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(24) ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 221 of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1795), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(25) ARABIA MOUNTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 240 of the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1799), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(26) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 260 of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1807), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(27) FREEDOM’S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 269 of the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1813), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(28) UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 280B of the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1819), as amended by section 119(l)(2) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(29) CHAMPLAIN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP.—Section 289 of the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Act of 2006 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1824), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(30) GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE ROUTE.—Section 291J of the Great Basin National Heritage Route Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1831), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(31) GULLAH/GEECHEE CULTURAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 295L of the Gullah/

Geechee Cultural Heritage Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1837), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(32) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 297H of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area Act of 2006 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109-338; 120 Stat. 1844), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(33) ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 451 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 110-229; 122 Stat. 824) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of the enactment of this subtitle” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(34) JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 411 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 110-229; 122 Stat. 809) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this subtitle” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(35) NIAGARA FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 432 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 110-229; 122 Stat. 818) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(36) SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8001(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1229) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(37) CACHE LA POUDE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8002(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1234) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(38) SOUTH PARK NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8003(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1240) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(39) NORTHERN PLAINS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8004(j) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1247; 123 Stat. 2929) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(40) BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—(A) EXTENSION.—Section 8005(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1253) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(B) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—(i) MAP.—Section 8005(a)(4) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111-11; 123 Stat. 1247) is amended by striking “entitled” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “entitled ‘Baltimore National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary’,

numbered T10/179,623, and dated February 2022.”.

(ii) BOUNDARIES.—Section 8005(b)(2) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1247) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) The area encompassing the Baltimore City Heritage Area certified by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority in July 2020.”.

(41) FREEDOM’S WAY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8006(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1260) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(42) MISSISSIPPI HILLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8007(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1267) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(43) MISSISSIPPI DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8008(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1275) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(44) MUSCLE SHOALS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8009(j) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1282) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(45) KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8010(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1288) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for each National Heritage Area extended under an amendment made by paragraphs (1) through (45) of subsection (a) not more than \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2037, subject to any other applicable provisions of, but notwithstanding any limitation on total appropriations for the applicable National Heritage Area established by, a law amended by that subsection.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS.

(a) RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 409(a) of the Steel Industry American Heritage Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4256; 129 Stat. 2551; 133 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

(b) ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 508(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4260; 129 Stat. 2551; 133 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

(c) SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 608(a) of the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4264; 122 Stat. 824; 133 Stat. 2714) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

(d) AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP.—Section 708(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4267; 122 Stat. 824; 134 Stat. 1505) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

(e) OHIO & ERIE NATIONAL HERITAGE CANALWAY.—Section 810(a) of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4275; 122 Stat. 826; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

(f) MAURICE D. HINCHEY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 909(c) of division II of Public Law 104–333 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 110 Stat. 4280; 122 Stat. 824) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “\$15,000,000” and inserting “\$17,000,000”.

(g) MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 110(a) of the Automobile National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 105–355; 112 Stat. 3252; 133 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$12,000,000” and inserting “\$14,000,000”.

(h) WHEELING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (h)(1) of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–291; 114 Stat. 967; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking “\$15,000,000” and inserting “\$17,000,000”.

(i) THE LAST GREEN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 109(a) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 103–449; 108 Stat. 4756; 113 Stat. 1729; 123 Stat. 1292; 133 Stat. 2714) is amended, in the first sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

(j) LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 109(a) of the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–278; 114 Stat. 818; 134 Stat. 1505) is amended by striking “\$12,000,000” and inserting “\$14,000,000”.

(k) BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (i)(1) of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Act of 2003 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–108; 117 Stat. 1280; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking “\$14,000,000” and inserting “\$16,000,000”.

SEC. 7. REDESIGNATIONS.

(a) SILOS & SMOKESTACKS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

(1) REDESIGNATION.—The America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership established by section 703(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4266) shall be known and designated as the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area”.

(2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the partnership referred to in paragraph (1) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area”.

(b) GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

(1) DESIGNATION OF THE GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—The Great Basin National Heritage Route Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1824) is amended—

(A) by striking “the Heritage Route” each place it appears and inserting “the Heritage Area”;

(B) by striking “along” each place it appears and inserting “in”;

(C) in the subtitle heading, by striking “Route” and inserting “Area”;

(D) in section 291, by striking “Route” and inserting “Area”;

(E) in section 291A(a)—

(i) in paragraphs (2) and (3), by striking “the Great Basin Heritage Route” each place it appears and inserting “the Great Basin National Heritage Area”;

(ii) in paragraph (13), by striking “a Heritage Route” and inserting “a Heritage Area”;

(F) in section 291B, by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) HERITAGE AREA.—The term ‘Heritage Area’ means the Great Basin National Heritage Area established by section 291C(a).”;

(G) in section 291C—

(i) in the section heading, by striking “ROUTE” and inserting “AREA”;

(ii) in subsection (a), by striking “Heritage Route” and inserting “Heritage Area”;

(H) in section 291L(d), in the subsection heading, by striking “IN HERITAGE ROUTE” and inserting “IN HERITAGE AREA”.

(2) DESIGNATION OF GREAT BASIN HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP.—The Great Basin National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1824) is amended by striking “Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership” each place it appears and inserting “Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership”.

SEC. 8. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN MANAGEMENT PLANS.

Section 6001(c)(1) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 772) is amended by striking “3” and inserting “5”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) and the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on S. 1942.

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

There was no objection.

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

I realize we are quickly reaching the end of the 117th Congress, and there is necessary business to finish before the end of the year. I do want to express my immense gratitude to Speaker PELOSI, Majority Leader HOYER, Chairman GRIJALVA, and Ranking Member WESTERMAN for recognizing the importance of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act, and finding the time to allow it to be considered today.

National Heritage Areas are far too often overlooked, but they are so important to so many Members and the communities that they serve. There are 55 National Heritage Areas across our country, sites of cultural, historical, or natural significance that help tell our unique and very diverse American story.

In New York’s 20th Congressional District, these legendary sites include the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Corridor named after our late colleague.

For decades, these sites have opened wide the doors of economic opportunity

and community engagement for constituents in my district and well beyond. I am so grateful to Bob Radcliff and Meg Downey for their leadership and commitment that drives the success of the sites in my district.

Across our country, heritage areas touch 34 States and nearly 600 counties. They create local jobs, boost local economies, and certainly bind communities together in every corner of America.

In total, heritage areas have a nearly \$13 billion annual economic impact and support almost 150,000 jobs nationwide. They also return an average of \$5.50 for every Federal dollar appropriated by effectively leveraging public and private partnerships in the communities which they serve.

Despite broad, bipartisan support and continued interest in the areas from communities, these sites have faced inconsistent treatment before Congress. There is no standardized programmatic system of administration for our heritage areas, which has required each area to pursue individual funding extensions and reauthorizations, often with last-minute congressional action.

Even in this year's omnibus agreement, several sites required extensions. This stopgap model puts a burden on local coordinating entities.

Heritage areas have been made to function over the past few years through multiple short-term stopgap reauthorizations while Congress has failed to provide long-term certainty. We cannot let that continue into next year as some 45 of our 55 areas face expiration dates during the upcoming 118th Congress.

For years, I have worked alongside my colleagues in the House and passionate partners from local heritage areas to pass the bipartisan National Heritage Area Act, beginning with the efforts of our former colleague, Representative Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania.

That effort has continued to grow as more and more Members have begun to understand the rich value that heritage areas play in their given districts.

H.R. 1316, the House companion to the bill we are considering today, was introduced with Congressmen DAVID MCKINLEY, GLENN THOMPSON, and 135 other Members, and it has already passed the House this Congress as part of the Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act. In the 116th Congress, it was passed as a suspension.

This bill is not controversial. It has widespread support. Importantly, it will finally bring stability and, very importantly, predictability to these sites, allowing them to continue to serve their communities and strengthen surrounding economies with minimal Federal support.

The National Heritage Area Act would end the current system of piecemeal reauthorizations through a 15-year authorization of all existing areas; it would establish the first-ever standardized criteria for designating

new heritage areas; it would include new study authorizations and designations, most of which have already passed the House on suspension; and, finally, it would ensure that private property rights are never affected by heritage area activities.

National Heritage Areas are an incredibly popular, bipartisan way of preserving American history and culture while supporting local economies, creating a deeply rooted sense of destination. Congress now has the opportunity to ensure these sites can be enjoyed for generations to come by finally making our National Heritage Area Act law.

Madam Speaker, I encourage Members to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, while I rise today in support of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act, I also have serious concerns with the process by which it came to the floor.

Americans have long been known for our ingenuity. From hearing aids and cardiac defibrillators to traffic lights and microwave ovens, Americans have been developing effective solutions to problems for hundreds of years.

George Washington Carver discovered more than 300 uses for peanuts and more than 80 uses for sweet potatoes. Americans invented Coca-Cola, Whoppers, Big Macs, the Chick-fil-A sandwich, and chocolate chip cookies. You would think Congress would hold to a legislative process that was more appetizing and didn't end up trying to force feed us a 4,000-page stink sandwich at Christmas.

Americans invented countless methods to efficiently and effectively move people across the country. We invented automobiles, airplanes, and the GPS system. We put people on the Moon and built the Panama Canal.

So why can't Congress invent an efficient way to move bills through a hearing, markup, over to the Senate, and finally to the President on time, on budget, and with transparency and clear direction?

Americans invented the team sports of football, baseball, and basketball.

Why can't Congress work together to solve our problems of the day instead of having a small group determine what the Congress must pass without giving us an opportunity to actually legislate, as we all were elected to do?

Americans discovered electricity, invented the light bulb, and the laser.

Why can't Congress operate in the light and be transparent with Americans instead of producing 4,000-plus page bills, like the omnibus that will be before us in the final days of this session?

Americans have invented countless ways to communicate. We invented the telegraph, the telephone, radio, TV, Al Gore's internet, the iPhone, voicemail, email, Google, Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.

You would think the House of Representatives could come up with a better process to communicate with the Senate and the White House so it can pass appropriation bills by September 30 and stop the madness that has become the omnibus process. If we did that, maybe we wouldn't have to be here today debating bills that could have and should have been completed long ago.

There is a glimmer of hope before us today. This National Heritage Area Act could have easily been buried in the omnibus, adding even more pages, but here we are with the clock running out, doing something that, again, could have and should have been done months ago.

It is amazing that when this bill was not agreed to in the omnibus, the Senate magically found time to pass it and send it to the House.

I can find many shortcomings in the process that got us to the point that we are at today, but I would like to focus on the positive things we can take from it. As the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO), my friend, said about this National Heritage Area Act, it is important to many of my colleagues across the Nation who have very successful National Heritage Areas. These areas have private entities that work very hard to promote their local communities and conserve their unique heritage.

This bill, as proposed today, has bipartisan support, and while the process that brought it to the floor leaves much to be desired, again, at least it was not tucked into yet another omnibus spending bill.

In fact, if all the authorizations were removed from the omnibus, it would have been 2,238 pages shorter and would be truly about funding the government. Let me repeat that. If we took the authorizations out of the appropriation bill, it would be 2,238 pages shorter. Maybe somebody would have time to read it then.

Considering bills on the floor shows us a process that can work the way it was intended. My commitment as chairman of the Natural Resources Committee in the next Congress is to work extremely hard, to have hearings, markups, and pass authorization bills out of the committee, off the floor, and send them to the Senate using a regular order process.

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Moving legislation the right way will also prevent the need for authorization bills to be tucked into massive spending bills.

But that is only part of the equation. We have to work together to fix the process that gives us bloated omnibus bills in the first place. We should all commit to passing a budget, passing individual appropriation bills, and sending them to the Senate with the understanding that the ball is in their court, and there is not another option, except possibly a continuing resolution—

which we all know is not a popular way to fund the government.

I have talked to many House Members and Senators on both sides of the aisle throughout this omnibus process. Interestingly, not one person has told me they like this process, and everyone thinks it needs to be changed. Maybe I just haven't talked to the people that are benefiting the most from this broken process, but I do believe that those of us whose constituents are suffering from it make up a vast majority and can change it.

Our constituents think that Washington is broken. It is time for us to work as a team to develop another effective and efficient solution to American problems.

With all that being said, I support S. 1942, the National Heritage Act, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD.) Representative HORSFORD, who I thank for his advocacy, represents the Fourth District of Nevada and includes in his terrain the Great Basin National Heritage Area and Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area.

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague, Mr. TONKO, for yielding the time and for leading on this legislation on the floor today.

I come here today to discuss my bipartisan, bicameral legislation, the Great Basin National Heritage Area and Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area Extension Act, which was included as part of the National Heritage Area Act, which we are debating today.

The overall bill would reauthorize all 55 National Heritage Areas for 15 years, providing the certainty that NHAs need to build long-term partnerships and leverage public and private dollars while increasing transparency and accountability for the program.

The Great Basin National Heritage Area is a remote region spanning the border of Nevada and Utah with rich cultural roots, rugged landscape features, and is home to many historical sites.

While the Great Basin National Heritage Area region is sparsely populated with only 21,000 people calling these two counties home, what the area lacks in people, it makes up for in historical sites, sweeping landscape formations, and cultural attractions, including some of the best stargazing people can see and outdoor recreation.

Since the initial designation, Great Basin and Mormon Pioneer have received \$6 million in Federal funds, which have produced projects and programs valued at over \$50 million.

National Heritage Areas are critical for our rural communities that are vast beautiful landscapes that protect our lands and bring tourists from around the world.

This designation does not result in any change in land-use regulations or ownership. Reauthorization of the NHA distinction would also not affect water

rights, grazing rights, or mineral rights.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Nevada an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, this would only allow for a continuation of National Heritage Areas, including Great Basin National Heritage Area, which just this past August celebrated its 100-year anniversary, which I was proud to attend.

This legislation is critical to protect and promote National Heritage Areas across the country, so I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" in favor of this legislation. I am proud to stand up today for the National Heritage Area Act.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend from Arkansas for his leadership on this bill.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act.

National Heritage Areas provide countless economic benefits to the communities that they serve, while preserving important cultural, historical, and nationally significant areas across the country.

In my district, I am proud to represent the Oil Region National Heritage Area, which is home to the birth of the petroleum industry located in Venango County, Pennsylvania.

The Oil Region National Heritage Area includes oil artifacts, scenic communities, farmlands, woodlands, and industrial landscapes, which provide valuable information and insight into the world's first successful commercial oil well, the Drake Well, and the legacy of the petroleum industry.

This successful public-private partnership has maximized Federal dollars, increased economic investment, and preserved places of local and national significance throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

This legislation before us will provide increased certainty to the Oil Region National Heritage Area and all National Heritage Areas by creating a National Heritage Area System to extend technical and financial assistance to the entities that support the maintenance and operation of existing heritage areas.

This bill will also provide a clear set of criteria for establishing new National Heritage Areas, and this bipartisan legislation is long overdue.

I urge all my colleagues to support the passage of S. 1942.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN).

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I thank Ranking Member WESTERMAN

for his leadership and for all that he does for our efforts on the Natural Resources Committee.

I rise today in support of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act.

S. 1942 includes my bill, the Northern Neck National Heritage Area Act. The Northern Neck of Virginia's lands and waters showcase natural beauty unlike any other. As a long-time resident of the Northern Neck, I know our heritage is unique and worth preserving.

With a history profoundly intertwined with that of the entire Nation, it is only right for us to recognize the Northern Neck as a National Heritage Area.

The Northern Neck National Heritage Area Act will deliver critical Federal resources; it will encourage public-private partnerships; and assign a specific entity, the Northern Neck Tourism Commission, to help protect the Northern Neck's natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources.

Under this legislation, the National Heritage Area designation would apply to the land between the Potomac River and Rappahannock River spanning King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland counties.

The Northern Neck has been working together for over 20 years in pursuit of the National Heritage Area designation. With this designation, the Northern Neck region will have a greater voice in sharing its stories which contribute to the understanding of the early origins of our Nation.

It also aligns with the region's tourism strategy as an important economic driver in this rural part of the Commonwealth.

I was proud to have worked with Senators WARNER and Kaine on this bipartisan effort and thank them for their work in bettering the Northern Neck.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I encourage support of this bill, which should have been done a long time ago. It could have been done a long time ago, but I am grateful to see it is not part of the omnibus spending bill. We are actually voting on it on the floor like we should be doing with all authorization bills.

Madam Speaker, I encourage passage of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself balance of my time.

Again, I want to thank Chair GRIJALVA and Ranking Member WESTERMAN for their help with this measure. This bill certainly would not have been possible without the incredible leadership, and I might add passion, of Sara Capen of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, of Alan Spears of NPCA, and so many other stakeholders and supporters. These advocates of this concept have been tremendously passionate. That is an understatement, and they deserve this response.

I also want to recognize the great work by the staff who have fought for years to bring this bill to the floor: David Watkins, Brandon Bragato, Henry Wykowski, and Lora Snyder of the House Natural Resources majority staff, and indeed, Miranda Miller and Emily Silverberg from my office.

Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of S. 1942 to finally provide the certainty and, yes, the predictability that National Heritage Areas need to continue to serve local communities and strengthen local economies all across our great United States.

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

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act.

We currently have 55 National Heritage Areas in operation nationwide—these are sites of important cultural significances that also spur jobs and have a positive economic impact.

And yet, no standardized process for administering National Heritage Areas exists. This has led to inconsistent oversight and management, as well as uncertainty for the future of these sites and future sites. The bill we are considering today would fix this.

This bill would also include legislation I led this Congress that would extend the authorization of the MotorCities National Heritage Area in Michigan.

The stories told by MotorCities cannot be told anywhere else. They are the stories of how auto tinkers became titans, how the area helped establish and expand the United States as an industrial power, and how the automotive industry helped create the middle class.

Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this important bill. And I thank Representative TONKO and Senator STABENOW for spearheading this effort, and I thank leadership for moving quickly to bring this bill to the floor before the 117th Congress closes.

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I stand here in full support of the passage of S. 1942, the National Heritage Area Act, which includes provisions from my bill, the Baltimore National Heritage Area Act, and creates a full reauthorization of the Baltimore National Heritage Area. The Baltimore National Heritage Area stretches over a majority of Maryland's 7th Congressional District, and includes important sites such as the Basilica of the Assumption, Mt. Clare Station and Roundhouse, and Edgar Allen Poe House. By reauthorizing this National Heritage Area through 2037 and updating the Area's map, this bill will secure federal support for Baltimore's most precious sites.

I grew up in Baltimore, amongst many of these historical sites, and I am thrilled to have provided this federal support to help preserve and celebrate the place I call home.

With reauthorization, federal support will continue to go towards local agencies and nonprofits who preserve and promote Baltimore's pivotal role in our nation's story and make strategic investments in cultural heritage tourism projects.

The annual economic impact of the Baltimore National Heritage Area is more than \$750 million, 6,400 jobs and \$61 million in state and tax revenue. The Heritage Area has served more than 15,000 youth from under-

served communities and provides continuous operation and program support to 35 historic museums, cultural attractions, and historic neighborhoods through a competitive grant program. I would like to thank Mr. SARBANES and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of the Baltimore delegation for helping me advocate for this reauthorization, and thank Senator CARDIN for introducing an identical reauthorization bill in the Senate. I urge full passage of this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1529, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam 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 question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

KATIMIIN AND AMEEKYÁARAAM SACRED LANDS ACT

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 4439) to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4439

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 "Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act".

SEC. 2. LAND HELD IN TRUST FOR THE KARUK TRIBE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam land is located in the ancestral territory of the Karuk Tribe; and

(2) the Karuk Tribe has historically used, and has an ongoing relationship with, the Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam land.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) KATIMIIN AND AMEEKYÁARAAM LAND.—The term "Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam land" means the approximately 1,031 acres of Federal land, including improvements and

appurtenances to the Federal land, located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, and generally depicted as "Proposed Area" on the map of the Forest Service entitled "Katimiin Area Boundary Proposal" and dated August 9, 2021.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER.—Administrative jurisdiction of the Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam land is hereby transferred from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary, subject to the condition that the Chief of the Forest Service shall continue to manage the component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam land.

(d) LAND HELD IN TRUST.—The Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam land is hereby taken into trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, subject to—

(1) valid existing rights, contracts, and management agreements relating to easements and rights-of-way; and

(2) continued access by the Chief of the Forest Service for the purpose of managing the component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the Katimiin and Aameekyáaraam land.

(e) SURVEY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide to the Secretary a complete survey of the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

(f) USE OF LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Land taken into trust under subsection (d) may be used for traditional and customary uses for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

(2) GAMING.—Class II and class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) shall not be allowed on the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

(g) WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section affects the status or administration of any component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, including any component that flows through the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

(2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Karuk Tribe, consistent with the obligations of the Secretary of Agriculture under subsection (c), to establish mutual goals for the protection and enhancement of the river values of any component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System that flows through the land taken into trust under subsection (d).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) and the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TONKO. Madam 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 the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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