

American forces defeated the British in the Battle of Saratoga in October 1777, which the National Park Service notes renewed the patriots' hope for independence and helped secure foreign recognition and support for the American Revolution.

This truly was a turning point that helped invigorate the fight for our independence.

As a testament to the importance of this monument, Congress has on permanent display in the Capitol rotunda, just steps away from here and to the left of the monument of three great suffragists, a famous oil painting by John Trumbull of the surrender of the British General Burgoyne at Saratoga.

The State of New York began efforts to preserve the battlefield in 1927, establishing a park known as the Saratoga Battlefield Park. However, the site's name changed to the Saratoga National Historical Park when Congress designated it as part of the National Park System in 1938.

Today's bill would restore the use of the term "battlefield" in the park's name to reflect the site's significance in the American Revolution. This is a fitting tribute as we prepare for next year's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK), the lead sponsor of this bill.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman WESTERMAN for yielding me time.

I rise today in support of my legislation, the Strengthening America's Turning Point Act.

I am always proud to share with my colleagues in Congress and with the American people that upstate New York and the North Country are known as the cradle of the American Revolution, home to numerous battlefields and historic sites that were critical in shaping our Nation's founding and history.

As we approach the U.S. semiquincentennial and the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga, there is no better time to recognize the pivotal role this site played in our Nation's war for independence.

The Battles of Saratoga were the most significant turning points and one of the most decisive American battles of the Revolution. British General Burgoyne tried to seize control of the strategically important Hudson River Valley, but his campaign ended in defeat at the Battles of Saratoga, where he surrendered to General Horatio Gates.

The American victory against British forces at the Battles of Saratoga marked a changing of the tide in the Revolutionary War, hence, the turning point, securing foreign support from France and bolstering domestic support for the American patriots and their righteous cause.

This bipartisan legislation would rename Saratoga National Historical Park to Saratoga National Battlefield Park to more accurately reflect the historical significance of the site and emphasize the crucial military engagement that took place there.

The historic site was originally actually named Saratoga Battlefield Park, but when it became a national park in 1938, the word "battlefield" was left out of the name.

Unanimously supported by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, this significant fix will help increase public understanding of the deep significance the site holds in our military history and honor the site where so many gave their last full measure of devotion.

Mr. Speaker, I express my gratitude to my great friend and classmate, Chairman BRUCE WESTERMAN, for his partnership in ensuring our battlefields and historic sites in upstate New York and across America are preserved and protected for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bipartisan bill, the Strengthening America's Turning Point Act.

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, this bill by Representative STEFANIK acknowledges a significant site for its pivotal role in American history as we approach our Nation's 250th anniversary.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1550.

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.

APACHE COUNTY AND NAVAJO COUNTY CONVEYANCE ACT OF 2025

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1829) to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1829

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 "Apache County and Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS TO NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COUNTY.—The term "County" means Navajo County, Arizona.

(2) MAP.—The term "map" means the map entitled "Pinedale Cemetery Expansion" and dated May 23, 2022.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this section, if the County submits to the Secretary a written request for conveyance of the property described in subsection (c)(1) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in subsection (c)(1).

(c) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in subsection (b) is—

(A) the parcel of real property, including all land and improvements, generally depicted as "Exist. Cemetery" on the map, consisting of approximately 2.5 acres of National Forest System land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona; and

(B) the parcel of real property, including all land and improvements, generally depicted as "Proposed Expansion" on the map, consisting of approximately 2.5 acres of National Forest System land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona.

(2) MAP.—

(A) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may correct minor errors in the map.

(B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

(3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the National Forest System land to be conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance under subsection (b) shall—

(1) be subject to valid existing rights;

(2) be made without consideration;

(3) be made by quitclaim deed;

(4) not be subject to section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and

(5) be subject to any other terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of—

(1) a survey, if necessary, under subsection (c)(3); and

(2) any environmental analysis and resource surveys required by Federal law.

(f) REQUIRED USE AS CEMETERY.—The property conveyed to the County under subsection (b) shall be used by the County as a cemetery.

(g) REVERSION.—If the property conveyed under subsection (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirement of subsection (f), all right, title, and interest in and to the property shall revert to the United States.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS TO APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COUNTY.—The term "County" means Apache County, Arizona.

(2) MAP.—The term "map" means the map entitled "Exhibit, Alpine Cemetery Town-site" and dated October, 2019.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this section, if the County submits to the Secretary a written request for conveyance of the property described in subsection (c)(1) not later than 365 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in subsection (c)(1).

(c) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in subsection (b) is—

(A) the parcel of real property, including all land and improvements, generally depicted as the “Existing Alpine Cemetery” on the map, consisting of approximately 2.56 acres of National Forest System land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona; and

(B) the parcel of real property, including all land and improvements, generally depicted as the “Proposed Townsite Tract” on the map, consisting of approximately 8.06 acres of National Forest System land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona.

(2) MAP.—

(A) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may correct minor errors in the map.

(B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

(3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the National Forest System land to be conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance under subsection (b) shall—

(1) be subject to valid existing rights;

(2) be made without consideration;

(3) be made by quitclaim deed;

(4) not be subject to section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and

(5) be subject to any other terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost of—

(1) a survey, if necessary, under subsection (c)(3); and

(2) any environmental analysis and resource surveys required by Federal law.

(f) REQUIRED USE AS CEMETERY.—The property conveyed to the County under subsection (b) shall be used by the County as a cemetery.

(g) REVERSION.—If the property conveyed under subsection (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirement of subsection (f), all right, title, and interest in and to the property shall revert to the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. HOYLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. 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. 1829, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support Congressman CRANE's bill, the Apache County and Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2025. This legislation would transfer small parcels of Federal land to Apache and Navajo Counties to expand existing cemeteries.

Located in eastern Arizona, the communities in Pinedale and Alpine are surrounded by the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Given the large Federal footprint, both communities have struggled to expand their respective cemeteries, which are currently located on U.S. Forest Service land and operated under a special use permit. If the cemeteries are not expanded, families will be forced to travel long distances to distant cemeteries to visit their deceased relatives.

To address this need, Pinedale and Alpine have worked with their respective counties to identify additional land to expand their cemeteries.

This bill provides a straightforward, commonsense solution by transferring U.S. Forest Service land adjacent to the cemeteries to the respective counties.

While this is a straightforward bill, I think many of us can attest to the invaluable role a burial place can play in the grieving process. Burial sites are sacred, eternal resting places that provide closure for the families of the deceased. Families should not be forced to travel long distances to lay their loved ones to rest due to the red tape of Federal land ownership.

As chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, I fought to elevate the voices of rural communities and highlight their unique challenges. This bill addresses one of those unique challenges.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative CRANE for his work on this legislation. I support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1829, the Apache County and Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2025, a commonsense bill that will help rural Arizona communities meet an essential public service need.

This legislation would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey small parcels of land within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest to Apache County and Navajo County for the expansion of existing cemeteries.

These cemeteries are running out of space. Without this bill, local families face serious barriers in accessing burial services close to home.

This bill would ensure the land remains dedicated to cemetery use. It also protects Federal interests through a reversion clause and places the costs of surveys and environmental review on the counties.

This is a respectful, efficient solution that reflects both local priorities and responsible Federal land management.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CRANE), the lead sponsor of the bill.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of my bill, the Apache County and Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2025.

This legislation would transfer Federal land currently under the purview of the U.S. Forest Service to Navajo and Apache Counties.

For more than a decade, the communities of Pinedale and Alpine have struggled to find appropriate cemetery space to meet the needs of family members wishing to enter and pay respects to their loved ones.

My bill would expand the land adjacent to the Alpine Community Cemetery, preventing the need for members of the community to be laid to rest in a distant cemetery.

These communities have storied histories dating back to the pioneers, and they deserve to lay their loved ones to rest in a place that means so much to them.

My primary objective as a public official is to remain principled and effective for the district that I represent, ensuring that rural communities are not forgotten by the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Chairman WESTERMAN, Navajo County Supervisor Seymore, and Apache County Supervisor Nelson, and also my colleagues on the other side for their support and their leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this sensible solution.

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Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1829 will ensure that two rural communities in eastern Arizona have the space to lay their beloved community members to rest. I thank Congressman CRANE for spearheading this critical issue on behalf of his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McDOWELL). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1829.

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.

SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY ACT OF 2025

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 531) to amend the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 531

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2025”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Amendment of South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Prohibited acts.
- Sec. 5. Exceptions.
- Sec. 6. Criminal offenses.
- Sec. 7. Civil penalties.
- Sec. 8. Licenses.
- Sec. 9. Enforcement.
- Sec. 10. Findings by Secretary.
- Sec. 11. Reporting requirements; disclosure of information.
- Sec. 12. Closed Area stowage requirements.
- Sec. 13. Observers.
- Sec. 14. Technical assistance.
- Sec. 15. Arbitration.
- Sec. 16. Disposition of fees, penalties, forfeitures, and other moneys.
- Sec. 17. Additional agreements.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA ACT OF 1988.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973 et seq.).

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

(a) **APPLICABLE NATIONAL LAW.**—Section 2(4) (16 U.S.C. 973(4)) is amended by striking “described in paragraph 1(a) of Annex I of” and inserting “noticed and in effect in accordance with”.

(b) **CLOSED AREA.**—Section 2(5) (16 U.S.C. 973(5)) is amended by striking “of the closed areas identified in Schedule 2 of Annex I of” and inserting “area within the jurisdiction of a Pacific Island Party that is closed to vessels pursuant to a national law of that Pacific Island Party and is noticed and in effect in accordance with”.

(c) **FISHING.**—Section 2(6) (16 U.S.C. 973(6)) is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “for any purpose” after “harvesting of fish”; and
- (2) by amending subparagraph (F) to read as follows:

“(F) use of any other vessel, vehicle, aircraft, or hovercraft, for any activity described in this paragraph except for emergencies involving the health or safety of the crew or the safety of a vessel.”

(d) **FISHING VESSEL.**—Section 2(7) (16 U.S.C. 973(7)) is amended by striking “commercial fishing” and inserting “commercial purse seine fishing for tuna”.

(e) **LICENSING AREA.**—Section 2(8) (16 U.S.C. 973(8)) is amended by striking “in the Treaty Area” and all that follows and inserting “under the jurisdiction of a Pacific Island Party, except for internal waters, territorial seas, archipelagic waters, and any Closed Area.”

(f) **LIMITED AREA; PARTY; TREATY AREA.**—Section 2 (16 U.S.C. 973) is amended—

- (1) by striking paragraphs (10), (13), and (18);
- (2) by redesignating paragraphs (11) and (12) as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively;
- (3) by redesignating paragraph (14) as paragraph (12); and
- (4) by redesignating paragraphs (15) through (17) as paragraphs (14) through (16), respectively.

(g) **REGIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—Section 2 (16 U.S.C. 973) is amended by inserting after paragraph (12), as so redesignated, the following:

“(13) The term ‘regional terms and conditions’ means any of the terms or conditions attached by the Administrator to the license issued by the Administrator, as notified by the Secretary.”

SEC. 4. PROHIBITED ACTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 5(a) (16 U.S.C. 973(a)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “Except as provided in section 6 of this Act, it” at the beginning and inserting “It”;
- (2) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);
- (3) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (13) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively;
- (4) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by inserting “, except in accordance with an agreement pursuant to the Treaty” after “Closed Area”;
- (5) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated, by striking “or” at the end;
- (6) in paragraph (11), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and
- (7) by adding at the end the following:

“(12) to violate any of the regional terms and conditions; or

“(13) to violate any limit on authorized fishing effort or catch.”

(b) **IN THE LICENSING AREA.**—Section 5(b) (16 U.S.C. 973(b)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “Except as provided in section 6 of this Act, it” and inserting “It”;
- (2) by striking paragraph (5); and
- (3) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively.

SEC. 5. EXCEPTIONS.

Section 6 (16 U.S.C. 973d) is repealed.

SEC. 6. CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

Section 7(a) (16 U.S.C. 973e(a)) is amended by striking “section 5(a) (8), (10), (11), or (12)” and inserting “paragraphs (6), (8), (9), or (10) of section 5(a)”.

SEC. 7. CIVIL PENALTIES.

(a) **DETERMINATION OF LIABILITY; AMOUNT; PARTICIPATION BY SECRETARY OF STATE IN ASSESSMENT PROCEEDING.**—Section 8(a) (16 U.S.C. 973(f)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “Code” after “liable to the United States”; and
- (2) by striking “Except for those acts prohibited by section 5(a) (4), (5), (7), (8), (10), (11), and (12), and section 5(b) (1), (2), (3), and (7) of this Act, the” and inserting “The”.

(b) **WAIVER OF REFERRAL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—Section 8(g) (16 U.S.C. 973(g)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “section 5(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), or (13)” and inserting “paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (11), (12), or (13) of section 5(a)”;
- (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “, all Limited Areas closed to fishing,” after “outside of the Licensing Area”.

SEC. 8. LICENSES.

(a) **FORWARDING AND TRANSMITTAL OF VESSEL LICENSE APPLICATION.**—Section 9(b) (16 U.S.C. 973g(b)) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) In accordance with subsection (e), and except as provided in subsection (f), the Secretary shall forward a vessel license application to the Administrator whenever such application is in accordance with application procedures established by the Secretary.”

(b) **FEES AND SCHEDULES.**—Section 9(c) (16 U.S.C. 973g(c)) is amended to read as follows: “(c) Fees required under the Treaty shall be paid in accordance with the Treaty and any procedures established by the Secretary.”

(c) **MINIMUM FEES REQUIRED TO BE RECEIVED IN INITIAL YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR FORWARDING AND TRANSMITTAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS.**—Section 9 (16 U.S.C. 973g) is amended—

- (1) by striking subsection (f);
- (2) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as subsections (f) and (g), respectively;
- (3) by amending subsection (f), as so redesignated, to read as follows:

“(f) The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may determine that a license application should not be forwarded to the Administrator if—

- “(1) the application is not in accordance with the Treaty or the procedures established by the Secretary; or
- “(2) the owner or charterer—

“(A) is the subject of proceedings under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, unless reasonable financial assurances have been provided to the Secretary;

“(B) has not established to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the fishing vessel is fully insured against all risks and liabilities normally provided in maritime liability insurance; or

“(C) has not paid any penalty which has become final, assessed by the Secretary in accordance with this Act.”; and

- (4) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—
- (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) chapter 12113 of title 46, United States Code;”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “of 1972” after “Marine Mammal Protection Act”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “of 1972” after “Marine Mammal Protection Act”; and

(D) in the matter that follows paragraph (3), by striking “any vessel documented” and all that follows and inserting the following: “any vessel documented under the laws of the United States as of the date of enactment of the Fisheries Act of 1995 for which a license has been issued under subsection (a) may fish for tuna in the Licensing Area, and on the high seas and in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States west of 146° west longitude and east of 129.5° east longitude in accordance with international law, subject to the provisions of the Treaty, this Act, and other applicable law, provided that no such vessel intentionally deploys a purse seine net to encircle any dolphin or other marine mammal in the course of fishing.”

SEC. 9. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) **NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO PACIFIC ISLAND PARTY CONCERNING INSTITUTION AND OUTCOME OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**—Section 10(c)(1) (16 U.S.C. 973h(c)(1)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “paragraph 8 of Article 4 of”; and
- (2) by striking “Article 10 of”.

(b) **SEARCHES AND SEIZURES BY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS; LIMITATIONS ON POWER.**—Section 10(d)(1)(A) (16 U.S.C. 973h(d)(1)(A)) is amended—

- (1) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at the end; and
- (2) in clause (iii), by adding “or” at the end.

SEC. 10. FINDINGS BY SECRETARY.

(a) **ORDER TO LEAVE WATERS UPON FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO JURISDICTION OF PACIFIC ISLAND PARTY; PROCEDURE APPLICABLE.**—Section 11(a) (16 U.S.C. 973i(a)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “, all Limited Areas,”;
- (2) in paragraph (1)—
- (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph 2 of Article 3 of”; and