

H.R. 1098

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

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONSERVATION AND DESIGN PROGRAM ACT OF 1994.

(a) DEFINITION OF STATE.—Section 5 of the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 719b-1) is amended—

(1) by inserting “and” after “Guam.”; and

(2) by striking “, and any other territory or possession” after “Virgin Islands”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 6 of the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 719c) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “2006 through 2010” and inserting “2025 through 2031”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:
“(c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—Funds authorized under subsection (a) may, as provided in appropriations Acts, only come from within amounts authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the duties of the Federal Duck Stamp Office.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STAUBER. 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. 1098, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1098 to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, sponsored by Representative SCHOLTEN from Michigan.

Participants in the Junior Duck Stamp program take part in a waterfowl-themed art competition, and the winning artwork is transformed into collectible stamps. The proceeds from these stamps support efforts to connect the next generation of Americans to the outdoors.

The legislation before us would reauthorize the program through fiscal year 2031. I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1098 would reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program, a small but mighty initiative that has inspired young conservationists for over three decades.

As the Fish and Wildlife Service puts it, this dynamic art and science curriculum reaches students from kindergarten through high school, teaching

them about wetland and waterfowl conservation through hands-on learning and artistic expression. It is education at its finest, combining creativity with conservation, art with action.

What makes this program truly special is how it is funded. One hundred percent—every single penny—of revenue from Junior Duck Stamp sales goes directly back into supporting environmental education activities for students and recognizing students for their conservation efforts.

This isn't government waste or bureaucratic overhead. This is a program that pays for itself while delivering real results. At a time when we are seeing declining connections between young people and nature, when screen time often outweighs green time, programs like this are more important than ever. It is exactly the kind of targeted, effective investment we should be making.

I commend Representatives SCHOLTEN and YAKYM for their bipartisan leadership on this issue. The Junior Duck Stamp program represents the best of what government can do: inspiring young people, supporting education, and protecting our natural heritage, all while operating efficiently and transparently.

Our children deserve the chance to connect with nature, to understand their role as stewards of the environment, and to express that connection through art and learning. This program gives them that chance.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 1098. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. SCHOLTEN), the sponsor of the bill.

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman and ranking member for hearing my bill today. It is such a critical piece of legislation.

Those of us from Great Lakes States know how important it is to connect our young people back to the water that surrounds them, to nature, and to get off their phones and into the great outdoors.

I rise today in support of this incredible piece of bipartisan legislation that I cosponsored with another great midwesterner, RUDY YAKYM, the Reauthorization of Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act.

This program is an art- and science-based curriculum that educates children on the importance of wetlands and waterfowl conservation. The Junior Duck Stamp curriculum is a program during which students can develop an understanding of waterfowl anatomy and habitats, culminating in the Junior Duck Stamp art competition, where participants may draw or paint a picture of an eligible North American waterfowl species.

The winning image of this contest then goes on to be featured on the Jun-

ior Duck Stamp itself, with proceeds of the stamp being redirected to educational activities for the students participating in the program.

As was mentioned, this program has been in existence for 30 years, and the benefits have been proven. This bill will provide an extension of the Junior Duck Stamp program through 2031, empowering our children to learn more about conservation and their world around them. If we do not act today, we could lose all the good that comes from this program.

I am fortunate to come from an outdoorsy household, where we are a camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing family. These experiences have been critical to my own sons, James and Wesley, in their upbringing. The extension of this program will ensure that other households have consistent access to exploring our environment, as well.

We must encourage our children to connect with the environment to understand how to preserve the natural world that makes Michigan and the entire United States such a wonderful place to live. That is what the Junior Duck Stamp program is all about, and I am thrilled to lead this legislation to ensure future generations of children can learn about conservation while tapping into their artistic skills.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, this bill reauthorizes an important program that invests in the next generation and encourages them to continue our country's great outdoor and sporting legacy. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1098, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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PIT RIVER LAND TRANSFER ACT OF 2025

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2400) to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2400

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 “Pit River Land Transfer Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. LAND TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.

(a) **TRANSFER OF FOUR CORNERS FEDERAL LAND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights, the Four Corners Federal land is hereby taken into trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the Tribe.

(2) **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 Four Corners Federal land.

(b) **ADMINISTRATION.**—Upon being taken into trust under this section, the lands taken into trust by the Secretary for the benefit of the Tribe shall be—

(1) considered part of the Pit River Tribe Reservation; and

(2) administered by the Secretary in accordance with the laws and regulations generally applicable to property held in trust by the United States for an Indian Tribe.

(c) **GAMING PROHIBITED.**—Land taken into trust under this section shall not be used for any class II gaming or class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) (as those terms are defined in section 4 of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this Act:

(1) **FOUR CORNERS FEDERAL LAND.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “Four Corners Federal land” means the approximately 583.79 acres of land managed by the Forest Service generally depicted within the “Proposed Land Conveyance” boundary on the Map, including improvements and appurtenances thereon.

(B) **EXCLUSION.**—The term “Four Corners Federal land” does not include the approximately 20.03 acres of roads, highways, and public rights-of-way subject to existing easements generally depicted within the “Proposed Land Conveyance” boundary on the Map.

(2) **MAP.**—The term “Map” means the map titled “Proposed Land Conveyance to the Pit River Tribe” prepared by the Forest Service and dated November 6, 2024.

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) **TRIBE.**—The term “Tribe” means the Pit River Tribe, California (includes XL Ranch, Big Bend, Likely, Lookout, Montgomery Creek, and Roaring Creek Rancherias).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2400, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2400, the Pit River Land Transfer Act of 2025, introduced by Representative LAMALFA, would place approximately 584 acres of U.S. Forest Service land, commonly known as the Four Corners, into trust for the Pit River Tribe.

After decades of conflict and loss, the Pit River Tribe was federally recognized in 1976. The Pit River Tribe consists of 11 different California Tribal bands and resides on a 100-square-mile reservation. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Tribe aimed to regain control of the Four Corners property near Burney, California.

Over the years, the Tribe repeatedly tried to regain the Four Corners land from Federal ownership but has been unsuccessful. Although the land is now owned by the U.S. Forest Service, it is ancestral to the Pit River Tribe.

The Tribe wishes to reacquire its ancestral lands and eventually build an interpretive center there. Gaming on these lands, pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, would be prohibited.

I applaud Mr. LAMALFA for working hard with the Tribe to develop H.R. 2400.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the Pit River Land Transfer Act will transfer approximately 583 acres of land into trust for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe in northern California.

This land, known as the Four Corners property, is currently managed by the U.S. Forest Service, and it is a site of great historic and cultural significance within the Tribe's ancestral territory.

In 1970, members of the Tribe peacefully occupied Four Corners to advocate for the return of their ancestral homeland. This occupation was met with violence by authorities and remains a historic event in the Tribe's fight to restore their homelands and sovereignty.

H.R. 2400 will return the Four Corners property to the Tribe, allowing them to steward the land and develop an interpretive center to share their history and culture. In addition, this land will provide the Tribe with opportunities for economic development, education, and environmental stewardship.

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA), the lead sponsor of this bill.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Minnesota and the gentleman from Puerto Rico for all of us being able to pull together on this piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2400 is something that has been long overdue. The Pit River Tribe has been very patient and oftentimes not treated very well in the process of establishing that they would like to, once again, own this land.

The 580 acres known as the Four Corners are actually along 299 in eastern Shasta County. It is between the towns of Burney and Fall River Mills in

northeast California and, of course, will become part of their reservation.

This legislation promotes local stewardship, economic development, and Tribal sovereignty by placing this modest piece of land back into trust for the Tribe. It is something they really pursued for a lot of years.

What we have tried to encourage here is local stewardship. Our Tribes can provide a very valuable part in either helping or supplanting the Forest Service on the lands that they are not managing as rapidly or as well as I would like to see. We are looking forward to greater stewardship and the opportunities for the Tribe.

It is really a physical and spiritual landmark for the Tribe, central to their identity and ability to thrive and grow on their own ancestral lands. Their ties to the land go back many, many centuries. It holds deep spiritual and historical value to them.

It was a focal point of activism, as mentioned, during the seventies, where Tribal members, asserting their rights, faced unjust arrest and bureaucratic hurdles, with a lot of perseverance to get here today.

The Pit River Tribe has pursued every legal and administrative avenue to acquire this land, facing endless bureaucratic delays.

This bill would put an end to that and empower the Tribe to lead on land stewardship, cultural preservation, and future development efforts, which would be an opportunity for everybody who travels the area.

Owning the Four Corners will allow the Tribe to build, as mentioned, an interpretive center so it can educate the public on the history of the Tribe and other Tribes in the area, as well as better land stewardship.

The conservation that will come with the process will honor their ancestral past, present, and future. It strengthens their regional stewardship and, again, will improve land management for all of us to enjoy and make a little more fire safe. It will also help to support their self-determination.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone in this Congress to vote for H.R. 2400.

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2400 would place approximately 584 acres of U.S. Forest Service land, referred to as the Four Corners, into trust for the Pit River Tribe. The Tribe has attempted to pursue this ask through administrative process, but it is time for Congress to assist legislatively.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this 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 Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2400, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, effective December 16, 2025, pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2031:

Mr. Peter N. Kirsanow, Cleveland, Ohio

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

S. 284; and,
H.R. 3187.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 284) to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 370, nays 22, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 335]

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| Diaz-Balart | Kennedy (UT) | Randall |
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NOT VOTING—41

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Messrs. BEAN of Florida, GOSAR, ONDER, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 335.

CONVEYANCE OF SPECIFIED FOREST SERVICE PROPERTY TO PERRY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3187) to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 388, nays 0, not voting 45, as follows: