

gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).

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

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3047 is a bill introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA). The gentleman from Texas has worked hard on this bill which addresses an important historical site in Texas.

H.R. 3047 would authorize the expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site by 16 acres by increasing the "not to exceed" acreage clause in the current enabling legislation which prevents the historical site from expanding. The acreage to be acquired is needed to protect the site's historic setting and viewshed. Of particular note, no federally appropriated funds are requested for this land acquisition.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support passage of H.R. 3047.

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

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

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, this proposed legislation now before us was introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA). The bill, H.R. 3047, authorizes the addition of 16 acres to the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Texas.

This is a measure that the National Park Service testified in favor of at the hearing that was held before our Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. I understand that the 16 acres in question is being acquired by a third party and will be donated to the park once the necessary authorization is received.

Mr. Speaker, I support the passage of this legislation and I urge my colleagues to do likewise.

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. I would like to thank Chairman YOUNG for his cooperation and assistance in moving this bill through his committee.

Fort Davis is located in the heart of West Texas, nestled in an area that is very scenic in its own rough and rugged way. I am very proud to represent this area, and I would invite my colleagues to visit the area to see the beauty for yourself.

The fort was a key post in the defense of West Texas and thus played a major role in this region's history. From 1854 to 1891, troops at the post guarded immigrants, freighters and stagecoaches on the San Antonio-El Paso road. Fort Davis is the best remaining example in the Southwest of the typical post-Civil War frontier fort. The post has extensive surviving structures and ruins.

My bill would permit a simple 16 acre expansion of the historical site. This legislation is necessary because the original legislation limited the historic site to 460 acres.

The particular parcel of land that would be added to the site is known as Sleeping Lion Mountain. This land overlooks the park's historic landmarks. The land is slated to be donated to the National Park Service by the Conservation Fund. The land has been purchased by the Conservation Fund. They secured the funds from several private foundations to purchase the land. The purchase of the land was completed in April and they are simply waiting for us to act.

The tract is adjacent to the fort's southern boundary and I believe that the inclusion of this tract of land into the site would ensure the visual and historic integrity for this state and national treasure.

This park expansion has the blessing of the local community and is also supported by the Texas Historical Commission. As you can see this is a simple piece of legislation to allow for a minor park expansion. This would allow us to preserve a very important piece of our heritage and history in West Texas.

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I have no requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3047.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3047, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

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#### LAND CONVEYANCE IN CARSON AND SANTA FE NATIONAL FORESTS, NEW MEXICO

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 434) to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE, SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST, NEW MEXICO.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—Within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (herein "the Secretary") shall convey to the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, subject to the terms and conditions under sub-

section (c), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property (including any improvements on the land) consisting of approximately one acre located in the Santa Fe National Forest in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary. The cost of the survey shall be borne by the town of Jemez Springs.

(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

(1) Notwithstanding exceptions of application under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (43 U.S.C. 869(c)), consideration for the conveyance described in subsection (a) shall be—

(A) an amount that is consistent with the Bureau of Land Management special pricing program for Governmental entities under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; and,

(B) an agreement between the Secretary and the town of Jemez Springs indemnifying the Government of the United States from all liability of the Government that arises from the property.

(2) The lands conveyed by this Act shall be used for the purposes of construction and operation of a fire substation. If such lands cease to be used for such purposes, at the option of the United States, such lands will revert to the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).

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

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 434, introduced by former Congressman Bill Richardson, the current Ambassador to the United Nations, would revise a land conveyance from the Forest Service to Jemez Springs, New Mexico. I support the desire of the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. REDMOND) to see that Jemez Springs attains one acre of land within the town in order to construct a fire substation.

It is my understanding that in 1993 the Jemez National Recreation Area was carved out of the Santa Fe National Forest. This transformed Jemez Springs from an obscure little village located in the Santa Fe National Forest to a little community hosting over 1 million visitors annually. I applaud Jemez Springs for cooperating and assisting the Forest Service in answering the numerous fire calls throughout the area. Without much imagination my colleagues can see how such increased activities would cause significant problems for any community.

The Senate amended and passed H.R. 434 by unanimous consent. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 434.

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

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

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my personal commendation to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) for his leadership in managing these pieces of legislation now before the House.

Mr. Speaker, I will not object to the passage of this legislation, but I want to note for the record that the Forest Service has objections to language which has been included by the other body. Specifically, the Senate amendment would subject this land conveyance to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act process. H.R. 434, as reported by the committee and passed by the House, would have provided for an equal value exchange of lands pursuant to routine Forest Service law and procedures.

H.R. 434, as amended by the Senate, provides for a one-acre conveyance to the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, of land from the Santa Fe National Forest. The land is to be used for the public purpose of a fire station. The bill also contains a reverter clause providing that if the land is not used for a fire station it will revert to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, if this bill provided for a general application of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to all national forest lands, I would strongly oppose it. But since H.R. 434 is limited to a one-acre parcel of land in one New Mexico community, I will not object to the Senate amendment. I view this, however, to be a limited and unique circumstance and not as a precedent for future conveyances of Forest Service lands.

I urge my colleagues to support this piece of legislation.

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. REDMOND).

Mr. REDMOND. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H.R. 434, as was introduced by former Congressman Bill Richardson, now Ambassador to the United Nations.

Mr. Speaker, the history of the Jemez Mountains Recreation Area dates back to the early 1990's when it was carved out by Congress as a special recreation area for the American people. As a result of declaring the Jemez Mountains a recreation area, we have an additional one million people that now travel through the tiny village of 350 to 450 people, a little village called Jemez Springs. This little village is the closest village that can respond to emergency and disaster, whether it be fire, whether it be first aid emergency for those million visitors that come through the Jemez Springs area. This is the village of first response in time of crisis.

I believe that the village is well within its limits by asking for merely one acre of land on which to build a modern fire station so that they can respond to the emergency needs of the American people as the American people visit the

Jemez Recreation Area. The Federal Government owns over 28 million acres in the State of New Mexico, and I believe that yielding one acre to a village of 350 people who are the first individuals to respond in times of crisis to the visitors of the Jemez Recreation Area is well within reason.

I understand that there is objection to this. This objection on behalf of the Forest Service I believe is unreasonable. The Forest Service does not always have a good reputation of being a good neighbor in New Mexico. I would encourage them to wholeheartedly embrace the transfer of the one acre to Jemez Springs to begin to build bridges with the people of northern New Mexico.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to note for the RECORD that former Congressman Bill Richardson was a very distinguished member of our Committee on Resources, and I think, also to my good friend from New Mexico, that former Ambassador Bill Richardson to the United Nations is now the new Secretary of Energy. It was just confirmed last Friday by the other body.

I want to commend my good friend the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. REDMOND) for following up this piece of legislation, and I just want to note that and commend him for allowing us to bring this piece of legislation now for consideration, and again I urge my colleagues to support this bill and thank my colleague again from North Carolina for his management of these pieces of legislation.

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 434.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 434, the bill just debated.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

#### APPROVING A GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3460) to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3460

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

#### SECTION 1. GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT WITH LATVIA.

Notwithstanding section 203 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1823), the governing international fishery agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, as contained in the message to Congress from the President of the United States dated February 3, 1998, is approved as a governing international fishery agreement for the purposes of such Act and shall enter into force and effect with respect to the United States on the date of enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES CONVENTION ACT OF 1995.

(a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 211 of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 (16 U.S.C. 5610) is amended by striking "for each of" and all that follows through the end of the sentence and inserting "for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2001."

(b) MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 is further amended—

(1) in section 207(e) (16 U.S.C. 5606(e)), by striking "sections" and inserting "section";

(2) in section 209(c) (16 U.S.C. 5608(c)), by striking "chapter 17" and inserting "chapter 171"; and

(3) in section 210(6) (16 U.S.C. 5609(6)), by striking "the Magnuson Fishery" and inserting "the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery".

(c) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 (16 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

#### "SEC. 212. ANNUAL REPORT.

"The Secretary shall annually report to the Congress on the activities of the Fisheries Commission, the General Council, the Scientific Council, and the consultative committee established under section 208."

(d) NORTH ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION QUOTA ALLOCATION PRACTICE.—The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act of 1995 (16 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

#### "SEC. 213. QUOTA ALLOCATION PRACTICE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Secretary of State, shall promptly seek to establish a new practice for allocating quotas under the Convention that—

"(1) is predictable and transparent;

"(2) provides fishing opportunities for all members of the Organization; and

"(3) is consistent with the Straddling Fish Stocks Agreement.

"(b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Commerce shall include in annual reports under section 212—

"(1) a description of the results of negotiations held pursuant to subsection (a);

"(2) an identification of barriers to achieving such a new allocation practice; and