

board, made up of Federal representatives as well as State geologists and university members.

Mr. Speaker, let me finish by thanking the ranking member of the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee, Mr. ABERCROMBIE of Hawaii, for his cooperation on this reauthorization. H.R. 3198 has the full support of the administration and I urge its passage.

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Hawaii [Mr. ABERCROMBIE], the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources of the Committee on Resources has been detained; however, I am advised that he is in full support of this legislation. The minority is in support of the legislation. The Clinton administration has expressed its support, and so we have no objection to this legislation. We support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I will submit a statement from the gentleman from Hawaii [Mr. ABERCROMBIE] for the RECORD.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of H.R. 3198, a bill that would reauthorize the 1992 Geologic Mapping Act through fiscal year 2000, and amend the act to designate that 20 percent of the total amount appropriated be allocated to the State component of the program. I would note that both the Clinton administration and the State Geologists support this bill.

Congress enacted the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992—Public Law 102—285 and 43 U.S.C. sections 31a—h—in order to expedite the production of a geologic map data base for the Nation, which can be applied to land-use management, assessment, and utilization, conservation of natural resources, groundwater management, and environmental protection. The act designated the U.S. Geological Survey as the Federal agency responsible for planning, coordinating, and managing the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program. This program is carried out by a consortium of geologic mapping partners including State geological Surveys, universities, other Federal agencies, and the USGS.

Geologic maps are the primary data base for nearly all applied and basic earth science investigations. Federal agencies, State and local governments, private industry, and the general public depend on the information provided by geologic maps. The current geologic map data base is inadequate to meet these needs and development of a comprehensive nationwide program of geologic mapping is required at a pace that responds to increasing demand for mapping in high-priority areas. The States and the USGS each conduct a yearly, needs-based survey to determine program priorities.

Improved geologic map information has been shown, using benefit-cost analyses, to be of significant value in many decisionmaking processes, including:

Exploring for and developing mineral, energy, and water resources;

Screening and characterizing sites for toxic and nuclear waste disposal;

Land use evaluation and planning for environmental protection;

Earthquake hazards reduction;

Predicting volcanic hazards;

Designing and constructing infrastructure requirements such as utility lifelines, transportation corridors, and surface-water impoundments;

Reducing losses from landslides and other ground failures;

Mitigating effects of coastal and stream erosion; and

Siting of critical facilities.

I urge my colleagues to support enactment of this bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. CALVERT] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3198.

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. CALVERT. 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. 3198, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### CRAWFORD NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3287) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Crawford National Fish Hatchery to the city of Crawford, NE, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3287

*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 "Crawford National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act".

##### SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CRAWFORD NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY TO THE CITY OF CRAWFORD, NEBRASKA.

(a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, without reimbursement, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in subsection (b), for use by the city for a city park and other public recreational purposes.

(b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property referred to in subsection (a) is the property known as the Crawford National Fish Hatchery, located in the city of Crawford, Ne-

braska, consisting of 5.95 acres (more or less), and all improvements and related personal property under the control of the Secretary that is located on that property, including buildings, structures, equipment, and all easements, leases, and water rights relating to that property.

(c) USE AND REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If any of the property conveyed to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, under this section is used by the city for any purpose other than the uses authorized under subsection (a), all right, title, and interest in and to all property conveyed under this section shall revert to the United States. The city of Crawford, Nebraska, shall ensure that all property that reverts to the United States under this subsection is in substantially the same or better condition as at the time of conveyance to the city.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] and the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. STUDDS] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON].

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to discuss H.R. 3287, the Crawford National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act. This bill was introduced by Congressman BILL BARRETT on April 23, 1996. Under the terms of this bill, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the city of Crawford, within 180 days of enactment and without reimbursement, all right, title, and interest to the Crawford hatchery facility to the city of Crawford. This facility will be used as a city park and for other public recreation purposes. The proposal also contains a reversionary clause that stipulates that the property will be returned to the Federal Government if it is used for something other than recreational purposes.

It is important to note that the hatchery is located in the middle of an existing city park. While the city has spent a considerable amount of money restoring those parklands under their jurisdiction, the hatchery buildings and ponds are in a highly deteriorated state. There is little likelihood that this facility will ever again be used by either the State of Nebraska or the Federal Government as a hatchery.

I urge all Members to support this noncontroversial bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the tension is palpable here. This is an extraordinary moment. We have already given more time to this than I think it really deserves. It is utterly noncontroversial. This is the standard procedure by which, for many years, we have approved the transfer of these hatcheries.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 3287, the Crawford National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act, introduced by our colleague from Nebraska, BILL BARRETT.