

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentlemen from Florida?

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I would just note that this is legislation correcting a matter involving employee rights that has been fully agreed to and has gone through the House previously without objection, and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

J. PHIL CAMPBELL SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION CENTER

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I call up the bill (H.R. 3387) to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, GA, as the J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. STENHOLM. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, although I do not intend to object, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado Mr. Allard for an explanation of H.R. 3387.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3387 is a non-controversial bill sponsored by Congressman CHARLIE NORWOOD. H.R. 3387 renames the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located in Watkinsville, GA, as the J. Phil Campbell, Sr. Natural Resource Conservation Center. The bill memorializes Mr. Campbell, an FDR appointee, for his leading role in locating the Center in Watkinsville and for maintaining funding for the center.

H.R. 3387 was approved by a voice vote in the Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry and in the full Committee on Agriculture on May 30 and June 19, respectively. Moreover, Secretary Glickman has provided Chairman ROBERTS with a letter, dated June 19, which states that the Department has no objections to H.R. 3387, and which further acknowledges Mr. Campbell's profound contributions to American agriculture.

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. STENHOLM. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3387, a bill to rename the Southern Piedmont Conservation Re-

search Center in Watkinsville, GA as the J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center.

J. Phil Campbell, Senior lived on this Earth for 66 years, but in that time, he gave more to the men and women of this country that can be measured. His contributions to agriculture, not only in the Southeast, but throughout the Nation, are well known and widely recognized. Mr. LINDER and I introduced this legislation to, in a small way, give Mr. Campbell the recognition he most certain deserves.

James Philander Campbell was born in Dallas, GA, just northeast of Atlanta, on March 2, 1878. He grew up on a farm and, at the age of 17, began teaching school. At a young age, J. Phil Campbell, Senior fought for and helped to secure legislation providing for teaching agriculture in rural Georgia schools. In 1907, he spent 6 months traveling throughout the State advocating for the creation of district agriculture schools and a State college of agriculture. All of this was done before he turned 30 years of age.

Between 1908 and 1910, J. Phil Campbell, Senior served as the first farmer extension supervisor to the Southeast region. This was done before passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1915, which created a Federal extension service.

In 1910, he began a career as the Georgia State agent for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He also served on the Georgia State University's College of Agriculture staff. During his tenure, he organized nearly 13,000 Georgia children in "corn" and "canning clubs." He also helped organize 5,000 Georgia farmers into farming demonstration work. These efforts were done under the supervision of Dr. Seaman Knapp of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

During this time, he also served as the Director of Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics. In 1933, he took a leave of absence to assist the Federal Agriculture Adjustment Administration in their cotton belt crop replenishment division. After 1935, he was elevated to a Federal position in the Roosevelt administration as assistant chief of the Soil Conservation Service in the USDA. He served in that capacity until he died in December of 1994.

In addition to his clear record of accomplishment in the area of education, J. Phil Campbell, Senior was also extremely interested in agricultural research and maintained close ties with Georgia's agriculture experiment stations. He was integral in the creation of the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center. He chose its siting in Watkinsville, just outside of Athens and the University of Georgia. When funding for the center was threatened in its first year, Phil Campbell fought to keep the center open and secure its line of funding. It exists to this day on Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville.

I introduced H.R. 3387 as a small token of recognition and gratitude for

Mr. Campbell's contributions to agriculture and the communities and Nation he loved. Fortunately, Mr. Campbell's contributions to agriculture are not being recognized after his death only. In the mid-1930's, Dean Paul Chapman, the first dean of the University of Georgia's College of agriculture, stated, "J. Phil Campbell and I were pioneers in promoting professional agricultural work and in the establishing of agencies to carry on such work. With little professional training ourselves, we were plowing new ground to create such training." Later, in a ceremony honoring Mr. Campbell after he departed for Washington, Dean Chapman stated that no one had as many friends in Georgia as did J. Phil Campbell. Mr. Campbell was also recognized in the "Who's Who in America" collection in the 1940's. Clearly, given his contributions to agriculture in the State of Georgia and throughout the Nation, Mr. Campbell had more friends than he could have ever known.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to offer this legislation. In a letter from the USDA, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman stated that, while the USDA generally discourages the naming of its laboratories after any one individual, given the Department's admiration and appreciation of, "the great service Mr. Campbell has rendered to agriculture and the Nation, the USDA has no objection to the enactment of H.R. 3387."

We have also received assurances from the CBO that enactment of H.R. 3387 will result in no significant cost to the Federal Government and does not include any inter-governmental or private sector mandates.

Given this, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join with me to recognize Mr. Campbell's many contributions and support this legislation.

With that, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, continuing my reservation of objection, I thank my colleague for his explanation of the legislation.

I rise in support of H.R. 3387, and wanted to thank my colleagues from Georgia for their work on this effort. Mr. Campbell was certainly a driving force in their home State, as well as in a number of areas in agriculture, including Extension Service and research activities, in addition to serving as assistant chief of the Soil Conservation Service here in Washington during Franklin Roosevelt's administration. Therefore, it is appropriate that the agriculture research facility in Watkinsville that works on issues involving our natural resources be named after him.

Again, I thank our colleagues, the gentlemen from Georgia, Mr. NORWOOD and Mr. LINDER, for introducing this legislation, and I urge its passage by the House.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 3387

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

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF J. PHIL CAMPBELL, SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION CENTER.

The Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, was passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 3387, the bill just considered.

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

There was no objection.

RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST HELD BY UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF IOSCO, MICHIGAN

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I call up the bill (H.R. 2670) to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the county of Iosco, MI, and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. STENHOLM. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I will not object, but yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], for an explanation of the bill.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2670, sponsored by Congressman JAMES BARCIA, provides for the release of a reversionary interest held by the Forest Service in 1.9 acres of land in Iosco County, MI. The land belongs to the local airport but, due to a survey error, has been in private use. Authorities have agreed with the squatter to swap the property being used in exchange for another parcel of equal value. But, the reversionary interest on the 1.9 acres clouds the title and prevents the exchange. This reversionary interest says that when

the land is not longer used for airport purposes, it reverts back to the Forest Service. The bill, as amended in subcommittee, provides that, in exchange for adequate consideration, the reversionary interests is relinquished.

H.R. 2670 is a noncontroversial bill which was approved by a voice vote in both the subcommittee and full committee on May 30 and June 19, respectively, and enjoys the support of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. STENHOLM. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

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

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2670, a bill I sponsored, to provide for the release of reversionary interests held by the United States in certain property located in Iosco County, MI.

I want to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research and Forestry, chaired by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD], and its ranking member, the gentleman from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON], for their willingness to help move this issue toward resolution.

In 1960 land was provided to Iosco County for the construction of an airport. This land was provided through the Secretary of Agriculture under the authority of section 16 of the Federal Airport Act of 1946, and in conformity with Executive Order 10536 of June 9, 1954.

Using survey lines that had been drawn at the time, one of my constituents, Mr. Otto Peppel, constructed a cabin on land based upon the old survey that he believed to be his own. A conflict in the lines of occupation with the legal boundary lines was discovered in a 1976 survey performed for airport expansion, showing that 1.9 acres that Mr. Peppel believed to be his were in fact the airport's. Efforts to eliminate the title conflict have been going on since that time, culminating in the request to me to introduce legislation to allow for the dismissal of the reverter clause in this property.

Local authorities and Mr. Peppel have agreed to exchange a like amount of property so that the title can be cleared. However, given that the land was given to the county by the Secretary of Agriculture for public purposes, a reverter clause exists that must be quieted in order to clear the title.

In consultation with local staff of the U.S. Forest Service, this bill was drafted to allow for the clearance of this title. In further consultation with the Department of Agriculture and the House Agriculture Committee, the bill was amended with the agreement of all parties to provide that the reversionary interest of the United States is not lost, but rather is restored on another piece of property of equal value.

Given the support for the land swap from the property owners, local officials, and the Forest Service, this matter should be noncontroversial. I urge its adoption.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I thank my colleague for his explanation.

An amendment adopted by the committee will be offered to provide for compensation to the Forest Service for its release of a reversionary interest it holds in land affected by the proposed exchange.

Mr. Speaker, I support the bill with the committee amendment, and I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2670

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

SECTION 1. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST REGARDING CERTAIN PROPERTY IN IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

(a) RELEASE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall release, without consideration, the reversionary interest of the United States in the parcel of real property described in subsection (b), which was retained by the United States when the property was conveyed to the County of Iosco, Michigan, in 1960 pursuant to a deed recorded at Liber 144, beginning page 58, in the land records of the County.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The parcel of real property referred to in subsection (a) consists of 1.92 acres in the County of Iosco, Michigan, and is described as follows:

That part of the N.W. ¼ of the S.E. ¼ of Section 11, T.22 N.R. 8 East, Baldwin Township, Iosco County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the Center of said Section 11, thence South 89 degrees, 15' 41" East, along the East-West ¼ Line of said Section 11, 102.0 feet, thence South 00 degrees 08' 07" East, along an existing fence line, 972.56 feet, thence North 89 degrees 07' 13" W. 69.70 feet to a point in the North-South ¼ Line, thence North 02 degrees 02' 12" West, along said North-South ¼ Line, 973.42 feet to the Point of Beginning.

(c) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—The Secretary may require such terms or conditions in connection with the release under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(d) INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE.—The Secretary shall execute and file in the appropriate office of offices a deed of release, amended deed, or other appropriate instrument effectuating the release of the reversionary interest under this section.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Committee amendment is the nature of a substitute: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST REGARDING CERTAIN PROPERTY IN IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

(a) RELEASE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall release the reversionary interest of the United States in the parcel of