

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) for yielding the time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the gentleman from Alaska (Chairman YOUNG) and the gentleman from California (Mr. MILLER), the ranking member of the Committee on Resources, and the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, for bringing H.R. 5083 to the floor.

This legislation addresses an urgent need for hundreds of children who attend Tweedy Elementary School in my congressional district.

As the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN) mentioned, in 1988 the Los Angeles Board of Education closed Tweedy Elementary School in South Gate, California, due to health risks from environmental contamination at the school site.

Consequently, the school was moved to South Gate Park located on Federal land, until a new school could be built.

To enable Tweedy Elementary students to attend school in their community, Congress approved a lease, at fair market value, between the city of South Gate and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

The current lease, as was mentioned, is going to expire this fall.

Mr. Speaker, since L.A. Unified is still in the process of replacing Tweedy Elementary, this bill extends the current lease 4 years to allow L.A. Unified time to construct the new school.

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As a condition of the extension, the bill requires a school district to provide progress reports twice a year to the City of South Gate, to Congress, and, most importantly, to the parents of Tweedy students.

With no available alternative site, passage of this measure is essential to ensure that the children of Tweedy are not evicted and their education is not disrupted while LAUSD constructs a permanent replacement site.

For the children of South Gate, I urge my colleagues to pass this critically needed legislation. I would like to thank the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN) for his support of this very important measure.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5083, as introduced by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) would extend for a period of 4 years a lease that allows the Los Angeles Unified School District to operate an elementary school on the park land in the City of South Gate, California that was acquired with monies from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Such an extension is necessary because the school district has thus far failed to relocate the elementary school to a permanent site. The elementary school was originally moved onto local park land in 1988 because of concern with health risks associated with the former school site.

In 1992, Public law 102-443 was enacted that allowed an 8-year extension of the lease of three acres of the local park for elementary school purposes. That lease extension is set to expire on October 23 of this year. Without that additional extension, the elementary school will be in a precarious situation.

Mr. Speaker, it is, indeed, unfortunate that the Los Angeles Unified School District has thus far failed to provide a new permanent facility for the elementary school. We support the extension provided in the provisions of this bill. I urge my colleagues to support the provisions of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, if I may not detract too far from the pieces of legislation that the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN) and I have tried earnestly to complete this evening, I really think I would be remiss if I did not share with my colleagues that, 2 days from now, that our colleagues will be going to the State of Minnesota to express our sense of condolences to the great gentleman, the Congressman from Minnesota, my good friend and former chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, the late Congressman BRUCE VENTO.

If ever my colleagues in this Chamber, when we talk about national parks, when we talk about public lands, when we talk about scenic trails, when we talk about wildlife refuge, when we talk about historic preservation, historic sites, perhaps two words come out more starkly, very, very clear in my mind when we think of this great American, the son of Minnesota, Congressman BRUCE VENTO.

When we talk about conservation and the environment, I think of the legacy that this gentleman has left us in this Chamber and the tremendous amount of energy and work that he has committed on behalf of our Nation.

When we talk about conservation environment, there is also another gentleman I want to recognize, the unsung heroes. I say a lot of times that when we do things as Members that we do not give credit which is due. This is my good friend Rick Healy, who, for many years, served as staff director to Congressman BRUCE VENTO and doing such a fantastic, tremendous job in passing some 300 pieces of legislation during Congressman VENTO's tenure as chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands.

I want to let him know that certainly this Member and certainly my colleagues in the Chamber want to express our sense of appreciation to Rick for the outstanding job that he has done with the national parks and public land issues.

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

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. I am glad to yield to the gentleman from Utah.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks made by the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) concerning our late colleague, BRUCE VENTO. I also served with him for many years and was ranking member when he was chairman. We have lost a good friend and a very fine legislator.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his kind comments.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5083.

The question was taken.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. 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. 2389, H.R. 4345, H.R. 4656, H. Res. 621, H.R. 150, H.R. 2879, H.R. 3292, H.R. 468 and H.R. 5083.

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

There was no objection.

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TRANSPORTATION RECALL ENHANCEMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DOCUMENTATION (TREAD) ACT

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5164) to amend title 49, United States Code, to require reports concerning defects in motor vehicles or tires or other motor vehicle equipment in foreign countries, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5164

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 "Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act".

SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF SECTION 30118.

The amendments made to section 30118 of title 49, United States Code, by section 364 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 are