

appreciation to the many dedicated volunteers who have been so supportive of these national trails. Particularly, this Member would like to thank Bill and Jeanne Watson with the Oregon-California Trail Association; Pat Hearty with the Pony Express Trail Association; Ron Anderson with the Mormon Trail Association; and Loren Horton with the Iowa Mormon Trail Association.

The efforts to preserve and provide recognition of these trails is truly a grass-roots labor of love involving thousands of individuals. By the way, they are also involved in some of the upkeep responsibilities as volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, this Member urges his colleagues to support H.R. 37.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). 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. 37, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 640) to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 640

*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 "Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act".*

#### SEC. 2. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

*Section 507(c) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 3501; 16 U.S.C. 460kk) establishing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "Boundary Map, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, California, and Santa Monica Mountains Zone", numbered SMM-NRA 80,000, and dated May 1978" and inserting "Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Santa Monica Mountains Zone, California, Boundary Map", numbered 80,047, and dated February 2001"; and*

*(2) by adding the following sentence after the third sentence of paragraph (2)(A): "Lands within the 'Wildlife Corridor Expansion Zone' identified on the boundary map referred to in paragraph (1) may be acquired only by donation or with donated funds.'"*

#### SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

*Section 507 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 3501; 16 U.S.C. 460kk) establishing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking "Committee on Natural Resources" and inserting "Committee on Resources";*

*(2) in subsection (c)(2)(B), by striking "of certain" in the first sentence and inserting "certain"; and*

*(3) in subsection (n)(5), by striking "laws" in the second sentence and inserting "laws,".*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) and the gentleman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 640, introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. GALLEGLY), would adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation area by adding 3,700 acres of public and private lands to enhance a wildlife corridor and protect a key watershed between the Simi Hills and the Santa Monica Mountains across the 101 Freeway in Southern California.

Most of the acreage that would be added to the National Recreation Area will be transferred from the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy, a State agency, to the National Park Service. The balance of land will include developed residential areas from within the cities of Saratoga Hills and Agoura Hills, as well as land from the County of Los Angeles.

Unlike many park units where lands within the authorized boundaries are almost entirely in Federal ownership, there exists an extremely complex mosaic of publicly- and privately-owned lands within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The superintendent of the National Recreation Area assured members of the Committee on Resources that the National Park Service has not and will not regulate land use on private or non-Federal lands within the park boundary.

The bill is supported by the majority and the minority and the administration. At the proper time, I urge an aye vote on this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area includes more than 150,000 acres between Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast. It is the largest urban unit of the National Park System, including five area codes and 26 zip codes.

H.R. 640 would adjust the boundary of the recreation area to include an additional 3,697 acres. The purpose of the addition is to facilitate wildlife migration between the Santa Monica Mountains and several mountain regions in the north. Some have expressed concern that the addition of this acreage would place a number of parcels of pri-

vate property within the boundary of NRA. It should be noted that such concerns are completely unwarranted since inclusion of private property within a federally-designated boundary does not alter the owner's private property rights in any way.

In this particular instance, the relevant property owners are aware of the proposed boundary change and no opposition to the measure has developed. This is not surprising, given that the area last operated smoothly for years with thousands of private property owners living within the boundaries.

We join our colleagues and the administration in supporting this legislation.

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

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. GALLEGLY), the sponsor of this legislation.

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

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), for giving me the time this morning. I would also like to thank the chairman of the Committee on Resources, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN), for moving H.R. 640 through the committee and placing it on the schedule this morning.

Mr. Speaker, the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area stretches from West Hollywood in Los Angeles County to Point Mugu in my district in Ventura County. It was established in 1978 and is managed by the National Park Service. Twenty-six distinct natural communities make their home there, from freshwater aquatic habitats to the oak woodlands. It is a critical haven for more than 450 animal species, including the Golden Eagle.

It is considered unique among the National Park Service's holdings and is easily accessible to over 12 million people living in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

This bill, which I introduced with my good friend and colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN), would adjust the boundaries of the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area to enhance and protect the principal wildlife corridor between the Simi Hills in my district and the Santa Monica Mountains in the district of the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN).

It adds nearly 3,700 acres of publicly and privately held lands to the recreation area at no cost to the taxpayer. Of that, 2,797 acres donated to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, a State agency, will be transferred to the Park Service. Another 570 acres is publicly- and privately-owned open space. The rest is about 330 acres and is comprised of developed residential areas in the cities of Calabasas and Agoura Hills.

I want to stress that the recreation area designation would have no impact on the ability for either the cities or private owners to develop their land according to the applicable State laws and local ordinances. It does, however, give property owners greater access to Park Service assistance to environmentally enhance their properties if they so choose.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 640 is an important addition to the recreation area and enjoys widespread support from the local community, including the private property owners. The bill also unanimously passed the House Committee on Resources.

I would ask my colleagues to join with me today in passing this bill.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN), who represents a portion of this area and is a cosponsor of this legislation.

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Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me time.

I rise in support of H.R. 640. I am pleased to join in that effort with my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Ventura County, California (Mr. GALLEGLY).

Mr. Speaker, my colleague from California has explained the importance of the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area. I should point out that 33 million people visit this national recreation area each year, for both its mountains and its beaches. It is within an hour's drive of 17 million Americans.

In terms of recreation, it is the most important unit of the National Park Service. The park since its inception has been run cooperatively with local government, State government, and local community groups. It has the overwhelming support, I would say the unanimous support, of everyone in the area. For example, its general management plan included input from over 70 elected officials, 15 public meetings, all in the continuing effort to make sure that park management meets local needs.

H.R. 640 would expand the park boundaries to include some 3,700 acres of non-Federal public and private lands. This would allow the Park Service to assume management over a number of parcels which donors have in effect already donated to the National Park Service. These include the 107-acre Abrams property, the 2,300-acre Upper Las Virgenes Creek area, and the 390-acre Liberty Canyon/Morrison Ranch area. These parcels now have their title held by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, an agency of State government, but they would be better administered as part of this national recreation area.

I want to stress that this bill will not cost the Treasury one cent. This bill does not authorize the expenditure of any money. Just as importantly, as-

suming management over these additional acres will not require additional operating funds for the management of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Further, the bill provides that land within this area shall be acquired by the Federal Government only by donation or with the use of donated funds. I will not be back here next year asking for funds from this Congress to buy land in this newly added area of the national recreation area.

The gentleman from California (Mr. GALLEGLY) has talked about how this bill and the expansion of the park boundaries has the support of the affected local property owners. Some 900 acres of privately owned land will now fall within the park's boundaries. Almost all of that privately owned land, at least 99 percent of the private landowners, are in my district. All of them support or have voiced their support for this bill through their homeowners associations. It is amazing, because I represent, I think, one of the most opinionated districts in this country. On every other subject, I get opinions on both sides. This is one area where our communities stand together.

The three homeowners associations included in these boundaries have all sent letters of support. The Saratoga Hills Homeowners Association has been particularly vocal, and some 100 of its members have signed a petition. In addition, this bill is supported by all of the relevant municipalities, by the relevant State senator, the relevant State assembly member, the relevant county supervisor in the L.A. County portion of the area, and enjoys strong support in Ventura County as well.

I ask my colleagues to pass this bill, because it will provide for new land to be managed as part of this national recreation area, a wildlife corridor that is critical to the preservation of species in the area, and will do so with no adverse consequences to local landowners and at no cost to the Federal Government.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SUNUNU). 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. 640, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### EXTENDING AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA TO MANAGE DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 1661) to extend indefinitely the authority of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage a Dungeness crab fishery until the effective date of a fishery management plan for the fishery under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1661

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

#### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF STATES OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND CALIFORNIA TO MANAGE DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY.

Section 203 of the Act entitled "An Act to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland, and for other purposes", approved November 13, 1998 (Public Law 105-384; 16 U.S.C. 1856 note), is amended by striking subsection (i).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1661 is a bill to extend the existing State management of the Dungeness crab fishery off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington. The bill is sponsored by the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN).

This is not the first time State management of the Dungeness crab fishery has been addressed by Congress. In 1996, in conjunction with the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Congress authorized the States of California, Oregon, and Washington the interim authority for the management of Dungeness crab for 3 years. During that period of time, the States showed they could cooperatively and effectively manage the Dungeness crab fishery.

When the interim authority was due to expire in 1998, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, which has the Federal management responsibility for conservation and management of the fishery, wrote to Congress requesting an extension of State management authority.

For the past 5 years, the States has been cooperatively managing the Dungeness crab fishery, which occurs in Federal waters adjacent to their States. This is an extremely valuable fishery. In fact, in the 1999-2000 season, 41.3 million pounds of Dungeness crab were landed, which had a value of \$84.2 million. This is a healthy food source for thousands of Americans.

H.R. 1661 will extend the authority for State management indefinitely. Until the Pacific Council decides it should regain its authority through a Federal fishery management plan developed by the Council, the States will