

conservation corps will provide cost-effective assistance in preventing forest fires and restoring damaged forests lands.

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In addition to providing additional resources to control forest fires, the program will offer important work experience to low-income, disadvantaged, and often minority youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who, through the corps, will develop the skills and habits they need to become productive citizens. Research has shown that youth who complete corps programs have higher rates of employment and earn more than their counterparts. Corps members also score higher on measures of personal and social responsibility and are more likely to earn a college degree.

Finally, not even taking into account the obvious financial benefits to society from protecting at-risk youth, corps generates \$1.60 in immediate benefits for every \$1 in cost. I encourage my colleagues to vote for passage of the Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps Act to enable local youth corps to work with the Federal Government to protect their communities. This is an opportunity to utilize cost-saving human resources to conserve, maintain, and protect Federal land. It is an investment in our environment and our country's youth.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISSA). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4838, 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.

NEW HOPE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1537) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1537

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY IN POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

(a) CONVEYANCE ON CONDITION SUBSEQUENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, subject to valid existing rights and the condition stated in subsection (c), the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), shall convey to the New Hope Cem-

etry Association (referred to in this section as the “association”), for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel of land described in subsection (b).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land referred to in subsection (a) is the parcel of National Forest System land (including any improvements on the land) that—

(1) is known as “New Hope Cemetery Tract 6686c”;

(2) consists of approximately 1.1 acres; and

(3) is more particularly described as a portion of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 30, T. 11, R. 17W, Pope County, Arkansas.

(c) CONDITION ON USE OF LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The association shall use the parcel conveyed under subsection (a) as a cemetery.

(2) REVERSION.—If the Secretary, after notice to the association and an opportunity for a hearing, makes a finding that the association has used or permitted the use of the parcel for any purpose other than the purpose specified in paragraph (1), and the association fails to discontinue that use, title to the parcel shall, at the option of the Secretary, revert to the United States, to be administered by the Secretary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH).

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 1537, introduced by Senator BLANCHE LINCOLN, would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery. The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the companion bill in the House, but in the interest of time has requested the Senate bill be moved.

The existing cemetery is about 5 acres and nearing full capacity. The Forest Service initially tried to facilitate this trade without legislation, but the land was appraised for far more than the cemetery association could afford. The conveyance would not create additional management boundaries for the Forest Service, and the agency has no need for the land. As such, the Forest Service would convey the 1.1 acres for free. I urge Members to support this important measure.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the sponsor of the bill, Senator LINCOLN, for bringing forth this vital legislation, and urge its favorable consideration.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1537.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CRAIG RECREATION LAND PURCHASE ACT

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1778) to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1778

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 “Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) CITY.—The term “City” means the City of Craig, Alaska.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—If, not later than 180 days after the date on which the City receives a copy of the appraisal conducted under subsection (c), the City offers to convey to the Secretary all right, title, and interest of the City in and to the parcels of non-Federal land described in subsection (b), the Secretary, subject to the availability of appropriations, shall—

(1) accept the offer; and

(2) on conveyance of the land to the Secretary, pay to the City an amount equal to the appraised value of the land, as determined under subsection (c).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The non-Federal land referred to in subsection (a) consists of—

(1) the municipal land identified on the map entitled “Informational Map, Sunnahae Trail and Recreation Parcel and Craig Canary Property” and dated August 2003;

(2) lots 1 and 1A, Block 11-A, as identified on the City of Craig Subdivision Plat, Craig Tideland Addition, Patent # 155 (Inst. 69-982, Ketchikan Recording Office), dated April 21, 2004, consisting of approximately 22,353 square feet of land; and

(3) the portion of Beach Road eastward of a projected line between the southwest corner of lot 1, Block 11, USS 1430 and the northwest corner of lot 1, Block 11-A, as identified on the City of Craig Subdivision Plat, Craig Tideland Addition, Patent # 155 (Inst. 69-982, Ketchikan Recording Office), dated April 21, 2004, consisting of approximately 4,700 square feet of land.

(c) APPRAISALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Before conveying the land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(A) conduct an appraisal of the land, in accordance with—

(i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions;

(ii) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

(iii) Forest Service Appraisal Directives; and

(B) submit to the City a copy of the appraisal.

(2) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—

(A) CITY.—The City shall pay the costs of appraising the land described in subsection (b)(1).