

As a side benefit, the increased pressure in the pipes will also drastically reduce the power consumption currently needed to pump water throughout the system. It has been a priority of this Congress to implement policies that conserve resources and I believe this bill is consistent with those goals.

I urge a "yes" vote of H.R. 1854.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1854, offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California. The Big Bear Lake project was originally authorized in Water Resources Development Act of 2007 for the purpose of wastewater treatment at a funding level of \$15 million. This bill modifies the Big Bear Lake Project, reducing the authorized funding to \$9 million and changing the project purpose to water supply infrastructure.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 1854.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, having no further speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. 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 Washington (Mr. LARSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1854.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION TO CONSTRUCT A VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3224) to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3224

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

SECTION 1. VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING, SUITLAND, MARYLAND.

(a) AUTHORITY TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT.—The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution is authorized to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland.

(b) PURPOSE OF BUILDING.—The purpose of the building shall be to provide a facility to be used for housing, maintaining, and repairing vehicles and transportation equipment of the Smithsonian Institution.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2010.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LARSEN of Washington). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. TERRY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the consideration of H.R. 3224.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3224 would authorize \$4 million in fiscal year 2010 for the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design and construct a vehicle maintenance building at its facilities in Suitland, Maryland. Our committee ordered the bill reported unanimously.

The new building would absorb the vehicle maintenance functions for the entire Smithsonian complex in the Washington area. These are currently performed in a constricted and increasingly dysfunctional space at the General Services Building within the National Zoo in northwest Washington, D.C.

The vehicle maintenance functions, which cover the maintenance, repair and fueling of about 780 Smithsonian-owned vehicles and pieces of equipment, are not compatible with the surrounding environment at the zoo and would be better served at the Suitland facility, which has more space and is isolated from public access. The space being vacated at the zoo would be converted to other uses.

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The bill authorizes the planning, design and construction of this project, which would give the Committee on House Administration primary jurisdiction. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which has an additional referral, also reported this bill. The fiscal year 2010 Interior appropriations conference report, which has been enacted into law, contains the necessary funding for this bill, and I urge the approval of the legislation.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TERRY. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which will provide for the construction of a vehicle maintenance branch at the National Zoo to benefit the zoo and larger Smithsonian Institution operations. The course of action prescribed by this bill is the result of a careful analysis of alternatives, which has demonstrated that the onsite construction of a vehicle maintenance facility would prove to be, roughly, 40 percent cheaper than developing an off-site facility. Additionally, this bill will provide for the better environmental stewardship in the operations of the

National Zoo and of the Smithsonian Institution.

I want to thank Mr. BECERRA for bringing this forward. Accordingly, I request that my colleagues on this side of the aisle support this suspension.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank Mr. LUNGREN for his efforts on this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. I would like to thank Mr. LUNGREN, too, for his cooperation on this and for hurrying over just a second or two late.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3224, a bill to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design and construct a vehicle maintenance facility at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland.

Currently the bulk of the Smithsonian's vehicle maintenance is conducted from the National Zoo's General Services Building. The Vehicle Maintenance Branch is responsible for maintenance, repair, and fueling of more than 780 Smithsonian vehicles and pieces of equipment valued at over \$17 million. However, the vehicle maintenance operations over the years have become incompatible with the other needs of the General Services Building. After researching the potential of leasing a facility, the Smithsonian Institution determined the most economical method of housing its fleet management and maintenance operations was to request authority to build a facility on government-owned property located in Suitland, Maryland.

Transferring the vehicle maintenance operations to a new site will increase the ability of the Smithsonian to use alternative fuels in its vehicles. The proposed site at Suitland currently has both a compressed natural gas fueling station and a gasoline fueling station. Furthermore, the Smithsonian plans to install E-85 and bio-diesel above-ground fuel tanks at the facility. The Zoo's General Services Building does not have the space available to accommodate these alternative fuel tanks.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3224.

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 Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3224.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FUNDING FOR CONTINUED TYPE 1 DIABETES RESEARCH

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 35) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows: