and these essential wetlands which provide life for literally hundreds of avian species, besides geese, will be irreparably lost. Therefore, Mr. H.R. 2454 will reinstate the Fish and Wildlife Service’s rules in their identical form. It is a temporary solution and it will sunset no later than May 15, 2001. This legislation is strongly supported by the Administration, the States, and by most of the conservation community, including Ducks Unlimited and the National Audubon Society.

In closing, let me quote from the Chairman of the Arctic Goose Habitat Working Group, Dr. Bruce Batt, who testified that “the finite amount of suitable goose breeding habitat is rapidly being consumed and eventually will be lost. Every technical, Administrative, legal and political delay just adds to the problem. There is real urgency here as we may not be far from the point where the only choice is to record the aftermath of the crash of goose numbers with the related ecosystem destruction with all the other species that live there with geese.”

I urge an aye vote on H.R. 2454, a bipartisan bill that will save critical Arctic wetlands.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion is made by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2454, 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.

ARIZONA STATEHOOD AND ENABLING ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1999

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 747) to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 747

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

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Arizona Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1999”.

SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF TRUST FUNDS OF STATE OF ARIZONA.

(a) In General.—Section 28 of the Act of June 20, 1910 (36 Stat. 574, chapter 310) is amended in the first paragraph by adding at the end the following: “The trust funds (including all interest, dividends, other income, and appreciation in the market value of assets thereof) shall be prudently invested on a total rate of return basis. Distributions from the trust funds shall be made as provided in Article III, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Arizona.”

(b) Conforming Amendments.—

(1) Section 25 of the Act of June 20, 1910 (36 Stat. 573, chapter 310), is amended in the proviso by striking “the income therefrom only to be used” and inserting “distributions from which shall be made in accordance with the first paragraph of section 28 and shall be expended.”

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SEC. 3. USE OF MINERS’ HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ARIZONA PIONEERS’ HOME.

(a) In General.—Section 28 of the Act of June 20, 1910 (36 Stat. 574, chapter 310) is amended in the second paragraph by inserting before the period at the end the following: “except that amounts in the Miners’ Hospital Endowment Fund may be used for the benefit of the Arizona Pioneers’ Home.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be deemed to have taken effect on June 20, 1910.

SEC. 4. CONSENT OF CONGRESS TO AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF STATE OF ARIZONA.

Congress consents to the amendments to the Constitution of the State of Arizona as approved by subsection (a) of section 28 and shall be used in accordance with the first paragraph of section 28 and shall be used.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

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This legislation is strongly supported by the Department of the Interior, the Fish and Wildlife Service, which provided statehood for Arizona, and the Department of the Interior, which has been approved by the Governor. It has been explained. Let me just say that it is noncontroversial, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

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

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Mr. Speaker, the Act of June 20, 1910, which provided statehood for Arizona, granted federally owned lands to the new State and created a permanent trust fund into which revenues from these lands are invested. However, the act also placed certain limitations on the fund which have worked over time to prevent the State from managing the trust fund as profitably as possible. H.R. 747 will alter the terms of the trust fund and correct the problem.

These changes have been approved by the voters in Arizona, but because they alter the original statehood act, Congress must approve them as well. This measure is almost identical to legislation approved in a previous Congress for the State of New Mexico. It is noncontroversial, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation.

Mr. Saxton. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STUMP), Mr. SAXTON, Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that we are considering H.R. 747, a bill to amend the Arizona Enabling Act of 1910 to allow the State of Arizona to manage its State trust fund differently, the Arizona Pioneers’ Hospital Endowment Fund may be used for the benefit of the Arizona Pioneers’ Home.

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Mr. Speaker, the Arizona Enabling Act of 1910 granted the State of Arizona’s entry into the Union. This bill makes two
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minor changes to the Arizona Enabling Act relating to the administration of state trust funds. This legislation is supported by the Governor of Arizona, our State Treasurer, State Attorney General, State Legislature, and most importantly, the citizens of Arizona through their approval of this change through the ballot process.

On November 3, 1998, Arizona voters passed Proposition 102. This ballot measure amended the Arizona constitution to authorize the investment of Permanent Land Trust Fund monies in equity securities. These trust fund monies derive from the sale of State Trust Lands granted to Arizona by the federal government at statehood. The proposition allows the State of Arizona to capitalize on the higher return rates offered through equity securities. This would improve management in the State and assist in the generation of more revenues for the beneficiaries by gaining authorization to invest part of the fund in stocks and to invest some earnings to offset inflation.

The Arizona Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments legislation will also make a much needed and essential change to the funding of the Arizona Pioneers’ Home. This state-operated facility has been dedicated to the long-term care of miners and homesteaders since 1911. Inadequate funds exist in the Miners’ Hospital Endowment Fund to build and operate a separate hospital for disabled miners. Disabled miners have been cared for at the Arizona Pioneers’ Home, but current law prohibits the commingling of funds associated with state trust lands. H.R. 747 would allow the Arizona Pioneers’ Home to expend monies from the Miners’ Hospital Endowment Fund to continue care for miners who meet the statutory admission requirements.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 747 is a bill that is supported by bipartisan interests in the State of Arizona and most importantly, the citizens of Arizona. I ask my colleagues for favorable consideration of this legislation.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 747.

The question was taken.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

VISITOR CENTER FOR HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1104) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.

The Clerk as follows:

H.R. 1104

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

SECTION 1. VISITOR CENTER FOR HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, HYDE PARK, NEW YORK.

(a) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—The Secretary of the Interior may transfer to the Archivist of the United States administrative jurisdiction over land located in the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, for use by the Archivist for the construction of a visitor center facility to jointly serve the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, located in Hyde Park, New York.

(b) CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER.—

(1) PROTECTION OF HISTORIC SITE.—The transfer authorized in subsection (a) shall be subject to an agreement between the Secretary and the Archivist that shall include such provisions for the protection of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and the joint use of the facility to be constructed as the Secretary and the Archivist may consider necessary.

(2) CONSIDERATION.—A transfer made pursuant to subsection (a) shall be without consideration or reimbursement.

(3) TERMINATION.—If use by the Archivist of the land referred to in subsection (a) is terminated by the Secretary at any time, administrative jurisdiction over the land shall automatically revert to the Department of the Interior.

(c) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in subsection (a) shall consist of not more than 1 acre of land as may be mutually agreed to by the Secretary and the Archivist and more particularly described in the agreement required under subsection (b)(1).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1104 is a non-controversial bill that would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center.

The visitor center facility would serve the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, located in Hyde Park, New York. The land transferred is one acre of land to the National Archives to enable construction of a joint visitor center facility at the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, NY.

It is our understanding that the site in question has been mutually agreed upon by the two agencies and that the funds have already been appropriated to construct the joint-use facility.

Mr. Speaker, both the National Park Service and the National Archives and Records Administration testified in favor of this legislation, and we are unaware of any controversy and we support the legislation.

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SWEENEY) the author of the bill.

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding me the time and for his support.

I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. MILLER) for his support.

Finally, I would like to thank the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN), the subcommittee chair, for his support.

I am proud to rise in support of H.R. 1104, the legislation I introduced to transfer administrative jurisdiction from the National Park Service to the National Archives for the construction of a visitor center at the Franklin R. Roosevelt National Historic Site.

The much anticipated visitor center will serve three area National Historic Sites and will be a great addition to the rich history of the Nation’s Roosevelt era and that of New York’s Hudson Valley.

The 105th Congress provided $3.2 million to the National Archives for construction of the much-needed new facility on a one-acre parcel within the historic site. However, construction is stalled due to a legal snag; and this legislation corrects that snag.

In short, jurisdiction over this site for the visitor center must be transferred from the National Park Service to the National Archives and Records Administration before we can begin construction on this long-awaited visitor center.

Mr. Speaker, Franklin D. Roosevelt, our Nation’s 32nd President, lived at his home in Hyde Park, New York, commonly referred to as