

**KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION ACT**

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 748) to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 748

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

**SECTION 1. APPOINTMENTS TO KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

*Section 9(c)(1) of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Keweenaw National Historical Park, and for other purposes" (Public Law 102-543; 16 U.S.C. 410yy-8(c)(1)) is amended by striking "from nominees" each place it appears and inserting "after consideration of nominees".*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD).

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 748, introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK). H.R. 748 is a simple yet necessary bill that amends the Keweenaw National Historical Park Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission.

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The existing statute establishing the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission states that members shall be appointed from nominees submitted by various local government entities. Apparently this has raised constitutional concerns as the statute directs the Secretary of the Interior to appoint to the commission persons nominated by State and local officials. The Department of Justice has stated that this procedure does not satisfy the requirements imposed by the appointments clause for Federal officers. H.R. 748 addresses these constitutional concerns by striking from nominees each

place it appears and inserting after consideration of nominees.

This bill has the support of the administration and minority, and I urge my colleagues also to support H.R. 748.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 748 submitted by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK). The Keweenaw National Historical Park is located on the Keweenaw peninsula of Lake Superior in northeastern Michigan. The park was established in 1992 to preserve the area's rich copper mining history as well as the oldest and largest lava flow on earth. The first time I ever knew that there was any volcano in America.

The original legislation authorizing the park specified that the Secretary of the Interior was to appoint members of the park's advisory commission from among individuals nominated by State and local officials only. The Department of Justice found that such a restriction on the Secretary's authority conflicted with the appointments clause of the Constitution. As a result, the commission has never been assembled, and H.R. 748 would amend the authorizing statute to alter the terms under which the Secretary may nominate advisory committee members. The legislation makes clear that while the Secretary must consider State and local nominees, he may appoint commission members at will. Such a change would allow the commission to begin fulfilling its important role as a means of local input and coordination for this important park. This has bipartisan support, Mr. Speaker, and we urge our colleagues to support H.R. 748.

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

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I have no more requests for time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. STUPAK).

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the gentleman for yielding this time to me.

Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today, H.R. 748, is a noncontroversial measure that will simply make a technical correction to the act that established the Keweenaw National Historic Park. Although this measure might be considered insignificant when compared with many of the other pieces of legislation considered in this body, H.R. 748 is very important to the people, the culture, and the history of Michigan's upper peninsula and especially to the Keweenaw peninsula. H.R. 748 would facilitate the appointment of the Keweenaw National Historic Park Advisory Commission for this park located in my district. This correction will help the commission assume a

greater role in the development of the park.

The Keweenaw peninsula at one time, Mr. Speaker, was a flourishing economic region in the center for copper mining. This remarkable copper mining history is matched by the extensive commercial fishing and maritime history of the massive Lake Superior which surrounds the peninsula. The splendor and the people of the Keweenaw peninsula rival many, if not most, of the national parks and monuments throughout our Nation.

I wish to thank the chairman of the Committee on Resources, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD) and the ranking Democratic member, the gentleman from California (Mr. MILLER) for expediting the consideration of this legislation. I also want to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the ranking subcommittee Democrat, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ) the resident commissioner for Puerto Rico for their assistance.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 748 is very important to the future of the Keweenaw peninsula and the preservation of its rich and extensive history, and I wish to thank my colleagues for their support of this measure.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 748, 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.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 1999**

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 800) to promote and enhance public safety through use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related