The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do so for the purpose of asking the gentleman from New Jersey to explain his unanimous consent request.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON).

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, coastal barriers are dynamic ecosystems and are prone to frequent moving and shifting as a result of storms and other natural processes. Despite their vulnerability, these areas are attractive locations to live in and are popular for vacation destinations.

Congress approved the Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1982 to protect these areas by establishing a system of barrier units that are precluded from receiving Federal development assistance, including Federal flood insurance. The System is administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Maps depicting the various units are adopted by Congress, and any changes to the boundaries of System units require legislative action. The System includes 274 otherwise protected areas. Otherwise protected areas include lands that are held for conservation purposes by the Federal, State, and local governments or private conservation groups.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 34 adopts maps drawn by the Fish and Wildlife Service that correctly portray the boundaries of the Cayo Costa State Park in Florida, and this is supported by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Committee on Resources major and minority.

H.R. 34 passed the House of Representatives as H.R. 1431 on September 21, 1999.

Mr. Speaker, I believe H.R. 34 corrects a true mapping error, and I strongly urge the passage of this legislation.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, I do so for the purpose of asking the gentleman from New Jersey to explain his unanimous consent request.

The Committee on Resources has thoroughly reviewed the underlying justification for this map correction and has worked closely with the Fish and Wildlife Service throughout. The Committee has found nothing to prove conclusively that Congress intended to include private lands abutting the boundaries of the State park when it created this OPA in 1990. Also, there is reasonable doubt that these private lands would have qualified for inclusion under the Fish and Wildlife Service’s designation criteria for otherwise protected areas or undeveloped coastal barriers.

This bill will rectify a previous mapping error by the Fish and Wildlife Service and bring this OPA into conformance with congressional intent to use existing park boundaries as the basis for OPA boundaries. The Administration supports this legislation and I urge that the House pass the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 34

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

SECTION 1. CORRECTIONS TO MAPS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. □ 1930

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 34