

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, S. 574 is a second correction to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. In this case, the proposed change is to a unit affecting the Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware.

This modification will remove approximately 32 acres of this privately owned land that lies outside of the State park. This property was incorrectly incorporated within the unit, and it is appropriate to properly adjust the boundaries of DE-03P. Furthermore, this legislation adds approximately 245 acres of State park land that was inadvertently left out of the otherwise protected area in 1990. Therefore, the net effect of these boundary adjustments is to add some 213 acres to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

Mr. Speaker, the House version of this legislation was the subject of a subcommittee hearing. It was carefully considered by the full Committee on Resources. It was adopted by the House of Representatives with the passage of H.R. 1431.

In addition, the other body unanimously adopted S. 574 as introduced by Senator BIDEN of Delaware on April 22. During our hearing, the administrative witnesses testified that the "modification of the boundary constitutes a valid technical correction that conforms to the boundaries of the OPA to the boundaries of the State park, which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department supports."

Mr. Speaker, I urge an aye vote.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, this bill has been thoroughly reviewed by the Committee on Resources. The technical corrections contained in this bill are legitimate, non-controversial, and supported by the Administration.

I am especially pleased that this legislation would add an additional 213 acres of land within Cape Henlopen State Park to the Coastal Barrier Resource System. I support this bill and I urge an "aye" vote.

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 574, a bill to correct the boundary of the Coastal Barrier Resources System Map in Lewes, Delaware.

Back in 1990, when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was drawing the boundary for this map, the service inadvertently included the Cape Shores Development and the Barcroft Corporation in the system. The Fish and Wildlife Service had intended to follow the boundary of Cape Henlopen State Park, but followed the wrong line on the map. As a result, this has made it difficult for Barcroft and the homeowners in Cape Shores to obtain affordable flood insurance.

This summer, the House passed an identical bill introduced to correct this problem as

a subtitle to H.R. 1431, a comprehensive bill to reauthorize the Coast Barrier Resources Act. Due to time constraints, the Senate was not able to pass its own comprehensive reauthorization bill.

Therefore, in order to expedite the legislative process and make sure Barcroft Corporation and the residents of Cape Shores can obtain affordable flood insurance before winter storms strike Delaware, it is essential that we pass this legislation before the session ends.

I want to thank the Resources Committee Chairman, DON YOUNG; the Resources Fisheries Subcommittee Chairman, JIM SAXTON; and their staff for their tremendous efforts on this bill. The citizens of Delaware truly appreciate your assistance not just because it provides relief for Barcroft and Cape Shores, but also because it extends the protection of the Coastal Barrier Resources System to 245 additional acres in Cape Henlopen State Park.

I commend your work and urge my colleagues to support this 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 Senate bill, as follows:

S. 574

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

**SECTION 1. CORRECTIONS TO MAP.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall make such corrections to the map described in subsection (b) as are necessary to move on that map the boundary of the otherwise protected area (as defined in section 12 of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3503 note; Public Law 101-591)) to the Cape Henlopen State Park boundary to the extent necessary—

(1) to exclude from the otherwise protected area the adjacent property leased, as of the date of enactment of this Act, by the Barcroft Company and Cape Shores Associates (which are privately held corporations under the law of the State of Delaware); and

(2) to include in the otherwise protected area the northwestern corner of Cape Henlopen State Park seaward of the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal.

(b) MAP DESCRIBED.—The map described in this subsection is the map that is included in a set of maps entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System", dated October 24, 1990, as revised October 15, 1992, and that relates to the unit of the Coastal Barrier Resources System entitled "Cape Henlopen Unit DE-03P".

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**JOHN H. CHAFEE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM ACT**

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1866) to redesignate the

Coastal Barrier Resources System as the "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 take this time for the purpose of asking the gentleman from New Jersey for an explanation of his unanimous consent request.

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, finally, we are considering S. 1866, the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Act. The late Senator John Chafee was instrumental in the creation of this program in 1982, and he remained one of the program's biggest supporters up until his untimely death earlier this year.

The late Senator Chafee, in his role as ranking member and later chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, was a guardian of this System's integrity, and worked tirelessly to prevent any unnecessary encroachment into the System.

Senator Chafee served the people of Rhode Island with great distinction for over 20 years. It is a fitting tribute to his name to name the Coastal Barrier Resources System in his honor. I urge my colleagues to vote aye on this measure.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, with the recent passing of Senator John H. Chafee, Congress has lost a compassionate and persuasive advocate for the protection and conservation of our Nation's natural heritage. Senator Chafee's many legislative contributions, including his leadership in authorizing and improving keystone environmental legislation such as the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act to only name a few, leave a legacy of accomplishment that is both daunting and admirable. As many people know, Senator Chafee deeply loved the coastal barrier beaches and islands of his beloved Ocean State. Perhaps this lifelong affection explains why Senator Chafee worked so tirelessly to create the Coastal Barrier Resource System in 1982, and why he fought so strenuously to protect it in the intervening years.

If there really is a way to pay tribute to this modest and self-effacing man, I can think of no better testimonial than to re-name the Coastal Barrier Resources System in his honor. It will serve as a lasting tribute to the man, and a reminder to us all of the important work that still remains unfinished in order to protect our Nation's environment. I support this bill and urge all Members to vote for it.

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 Senate bill, as follows:

*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 "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Act".

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds that—

(1) during the past 2 decades, Senator John H. Chafee was a leading voice for the protection of the environment and the conservation of the natural resources of the United States;

(2) Senator Chafee served on the Environment and Public Works Committee of the Senate for 22 years, influencing every major piece of environmental legislation enacted during that time;

(3) Senator Chafee led the fight for clean air, clean water, safe drinking water, and cleanup of toxic wastes, and for strengthening of the National Wildlife Refuge System and protections for endangered species and their habitats;

(4) millions of people of the United States breathe cleaner air, drink cleaner water, and enjoy more plentiful outdoor recreation opportunities because of the work of Senator Chafee;

(5) in 1982, Senator Chafee authored and succeeded in enacting into law the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) to minimize loss of human life, wasteful expenditure of Federal revenues, and damage to fish, wildlife, and other natural resources associated with the coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts; and

(6) to reflect the invaluable national contributions made by Senator Chafee during his service in the Senate, the Coastal Barrier Resources System should be named in his honor.

**SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION OF COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM IN HONOR OF JOHN H. CHAFEE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Coastal Barrier Resources System established by section 4(a) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3503(a)) is redesignated as the "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Coastal Barrier Resources System shall be deemed to be a reference to the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2(b) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3501(b)) is amended by striking "a Coastal Barrier Resources System" and inserting "the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".

(2) Section 3 of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3502) is amended by striking "Coastal Barrier Resources System" each place it appears and inserting "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".

(3) Section 4 of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3503) is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by striking "**COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM**" and inserting "**JOHN H. CHAFEE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM**"; and

(B) in subsection (a), by striking "the Coastal Barrier Resources System" and inserting "the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".

(4) Section 10(c)(2) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3509(c)(2)) is amend-

ed by striking "Coastal Barrier Resources System" and inserting "System".

(5) Section 10(c)(2)(B)(i) of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 1441a-3(c)(2)(B)(i)) is amended by striking "Coastal Barrier Resources System" and inserting "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".

(6) Section 12(5) of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 3503 note; Public Law 101-591) is amended by striking "Coastal Barrier Resources System" and inserting "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".

(7) Section 1321 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

(A) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

"JOHN H. CHAFEE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM";

and

(B) by striking "Coastal Barrier Resources System" each place it appears and inserting "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System".

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 1999**

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3443) to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I ask the gentleman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON) to explain her request.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON).

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me under his reservation.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues may recall that the House acted on the Independent Living bill, H.R. 1802, in June and approved it overwhelmingly by a vote of 380 to 6. Every provision of this bill has been developed and written on a bipartisan basis. In this regard, I want to once again thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) for his exceptionally capable work on this legislation.

I also want to thank the administration, especially Secretary Shalala, for their timely help with this legislation. In addition, I thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the Majority Whip, who testified in the House and

Senate as a foster parent and who has been instrumental in securing passage of this legislation. Indeed, we would not be here today without his help.

We have been working with our colleagues in the other body over the last several days to resolve differences and have agreed upon the version of the bill before us. H.R. 3443 represents that consensus text. I want to especially acknowledge the work of Senators LOTT, ROTH, GRASSLEY, NICKLES, MOYNIHAN, and ROCKEFELLER on this bill.

Since the House is expected to conclude its business shortly, we are taking this action in order to expedite consideration in the other body and move the bill to the President's desk.

This bill will provide, for the first time, realistic support for our most unfortunate children, those who have been in foster care for many years and who reach adulthood essentially alone. Unfortunately, research shows that these children have terribly high levels of unemployment, mental illness, school failure, teen pregnancy, and homelessness, and are frequently the victims or predators of crime. These young Americans need our help to have the opportunity in life that all Americans dream of.

This bill contains only nine changes from the original legislation, all of them minor.

I close by commending the other body for commemorating the life of the great Senator, the life and work of the great Senator from Rhode Island, the incomparable John Chafee. Senator Chafee was a wonderful friend to many of us here in this House and a diligent worker for children. He was full of enthusiasm for this legislation and worked tirelessly to secure its progress through his committee, looking toward its passage in the Senate. In fact, we have been told that his last actions as a United States Senator were to lobby for this bill. Thus, it is highly fitting that we should rename this program the "John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program."

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, further reserving my right to object, let me quickly point out how pleased I am that we were able to reach a bipartisan agreement and get this legislation moving, the Foster Care Independence Act. This represents a real victory for the 20,000 children who age out of foster care every year.

I want to especially congratulate the gentleman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON), chair of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, for the steadfast dedication to helping children and her incredible work with the other body so that we, in fact, could accomplish this legislation before we adjourn sine die.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the Clinton administration for their help in drafting this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, although we are acting on this bill, H.R. 3443, it started as H.R.