

NATIONAL FOREST AND PUBLIC LANDS OF NEVADA ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1988 AMENDMENTS

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 439) to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 439

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

SECTION 1. ADJUSTMENT OF BOUNDARY OF THE TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST, NEVADA.

Section 4(a) of the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 (102 Stat. 2750) is amended—

(1) by striking "Effective" and inserting "(1) Effective"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) Effective on the date of enactment of this paragraph, the portion of the land transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture under paragraph (1) situated between the lines marked 'Old Forest Boundary' and 'Revised National Forest Boundary' on the map entitled 'Nevada Interchange "A", Change 1', and dated September 16, 1998, is transferred to the Secretary of the Interior."

SEC. 2. OVERTIME PAY FOR CERTAIN FIRE-FIGHTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5542(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), for an employee of the Department of the Interior or the United States Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture engaged in emergency wildland fire suppression activities, the overtime hourly rate of pay is an amount equal to one and one-half times the hourly rate of basic pay of the employee, and all that amount is premium pay."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply only to funds appropriated after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, Senate 439 would amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act to adjust a boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada, thereby transferring the jurisdiction of the land from the Secretary of Agriculture to the Secretary of the Interior. This legislation has local support, as well as support from the administration. Senate 439 was favorably reported by the full committee on June 7, 2000, by voice vote.

Senate 439, as amended, also includes the Wildland Fire Firefighters Pay Equity Act of 1999, introduced by the gen-

tleman from California (Mr. POMBO). One of the problems faced during the catastrophic fire season of 2000 was a shortage of properly trained fire fighting crews. This language will go far to address this particular problem by allowing fire fighters to earn the standard time-and-a-half overtime rate for time spent fighting fires, regardless of their pay base.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members to support this bill.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we support this legislation.

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

Mr. GIBBONS. 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 Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 439, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the Senate bill was amended so as to read:

"A bill to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada, and to amend chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize equal overtime pay provisions for all Federal employees engaged in wildland fire suppression operations."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ASSISTING IN ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERPRETATIVE CENTER AND MUSEUM NEAR DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2977) to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2977

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

SECTION 1. INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND MUSEUM, DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE, HEMET, CALIFORNIA.

(a) ASSISTANT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER AND MUSEUM.—The Secretary of the Interior shall enter into an agreement with an appropriate entity for the purpose of sharing

costs incurred to design, construct, furnish, and operate an interpretive center and museum, to be located on lands under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, intended to preserve, display, and interpret the paleontology discoveries made at and in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake, near Hemet, California, and to promote other historical and cultural resources of the area.

(b) ASSISTANCE FOR NONMOTORIZED TRAILS.—The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the State of California, a political subdivision of the State, or a combination of State and local public agencies for the purpose of sharing costs incurred to design, construct, and maintain a system of trails around the perimeter of the Diamond Valley Lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles.

(c) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall require the other parties to an agreement under this section to secure an amount of funds from non-Federal sources that is at least equal to the amount provided by the Secretary.

(d) TIME FOR AGREEMENT.—The Secretary shall enter into the agreements required by this section not later than 180 days after the date on which funds are first made available to carry out this section.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated not more than \$14,000,000 to carry out this section.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS).

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

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of S. 2977 is to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in Southern California. Diamond Valley Lake is the result of a joint effort by State and local authorities to address possible water shortage problems in Southern California. This Senate bill has House companion legislation introduced by the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), who deserves credit for his hard work and leadership on this bill.

Mr. Speaker, S. 2977 provides recreational and educational opportunities to the region by assisting in the funding for the design, construction, furnishing, and operation of an interpretive center and museum.

The center and museum will be known as the Western Center for Archeology, and will house an assortment of archeological remains which were excavated during the construction of the reservoir. The Western Center will also be available to provide storage and state-of-the-art curation services for other valuable artifacts that many Federal agencies have been unable to care for in recent years.

This bill also provides funding to share in the cost of the design, construction, and maintenance of a trails system around Diamond Valley Lake

and the surrounding areas. The trails will provide nonmotorized recreation for visitors to the area.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know if this is a very good bill or not, to tell you the truth. There is no Federal connection to this project at all. None of the facilities, the land, are federally owned or operated; and I do not quite know why the Federal Government is spending money here when we have a multibillion dollar backlog in maintenance and construction on our Federal lands and our national parks, and why we would now be spending money on a completely non-Federal project here to construct recreational facilities and design of a visitors center.

I know that the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) and Senator FEINSTEIN support this legislation. I do not know if it is the best idea, but we will let it go at that.

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

Mr. GIBBONS. 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 Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2977.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the 34 suspensions just passed.

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

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 4 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 4 p.m.

AIRPORT SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2440) to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2440

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 "Airport Security Improvement Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.

(a) EXPANSION OF FAA ELECTRONIC PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall develop, in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the pilot program for individual criminal history record checks (known as the electronic fingerprint transmission pilot project) into an aviation industry-wide program.

(2) LIMITATION.—The Administrator shall not require any airport, air carrier, or screening company to participate in the program described in subsection (a) if the airport, air carrier, or screening company determines that it would not be cost effective for it to participate in the program and notifies the Administrator of that determination.

(b) APPLICATION OF EXPANDED PROGRAM.—

(1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report describing the status of the Administrator's efforts to utilize the program described in subsection (a).

(2) NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUFFICIENCY OF OPERATION.—If the Administrator determines that the program described in subsection (a) is not sufficiently operational 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act to permit its utilization in accordance with subsection (a), the Administrator shall notify the committees referred to in paragraph (1) of that determination.

(c) CHANGES IN EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 44936(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A) by striking "as the Administrator decides is necessary to ensure air transportation security,";

(2) in subparagraph (D) by striking "as a screener" and inserting "in the position for which the individual applied"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(E) CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR SCREENERS AND OTHERS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—A criminal history record check shall be conducted for each individual who applies for a position described in subparagraph (A), (B)(i), or (B)(ii).

"(ii) SPECIAL TRANSITION RULE.—During the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this subparagraph, an individual described in clause (i) may be employed in a position described in clause (i)—

"(I) in the first 2 years of such 3-year period, for a period of not to exceed 45 days before a criminal history record check is completed; and

"(II) in the third year of such 3-year period, for a period of not to exceed 30 days before a criminal history record check is completed,

if the request for the check has been submitted to the appropriate Federal agency and the employment investigation has been successfully completed.

"(iii) EMPLOYMENT INVESTIGATION NOT REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK.—An employment investigation shall not be required for an individual who applies for a position described in subparagraph (A), (B)(i), or (B)(ii), if a criminal history record check of the individual is completed before the individual begins employment in such position.

"(iv) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subparagraph shall take effect—

"(I) 30 days after the date of enactment of this subparagraph with respect to individuals applying for a position at an airport that is defined as a Category X airport in the Federal Aviation Administration approved air carrier security programs required under part 108 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations; and

"(II) 3 years after such date of enactment with respect to individuals applying for a position at any other airport that is subject to the requirements of part 107 of such title.

"(F) EXEMPTION.—An employment investigation, including a criminal history record check, shall not be required under this subsection for an individual who is exempted under section 107.31(m) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this subparagraph."

(d) LIST OF OFFENSES BARRING EMPLOYMENT.—Section 44936(b)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "(or found not guilty by reason of insanity)" after "convicted";

(2) in clause (xi) by inserting "or felony unarmed" after "armed";

(3) by striking "or" at the end of clause (xii);

(4) by redesignating clause (xiii) as clause (xv) and inserting after clause (xii) the following:

"(xiii) a felony involving a threat;

"(xiv) a felony involving—

"(I) willful destruction of property;

"(II) importation or manufacture of a controlled substance;

"(III) burglary;

"(IV) theft;

"(V) dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation;

"(VI) possession or distribution of stolen property;

"(VII) aggravated assault;

"(VIII) bribery; and

"(IX) illegal possession of a controlled substance punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of more than 1 year, or any other crime classified as a felony that the Administrator determines indicates a propensity for placing contraband aboard an aircraft in return for money; or"; and

(5) in clause (xv) (as so redesignated) by striking "clauses (i)-(xii) of this paragraph" and inserting "clauses (i) through (xiv)".

SEC. 3. IMPROVED TRAINING.

(a) TRAINING STANDARDS FOR SCREENERS.—Section 44935 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) TRAINING STANDARDS FOR SCREENERS.—

"(1) ISSUANCE OF FINAL RULE.—Not later than May 31, 2001, and after considering comments on the notice published in the Federal Register for January 5, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 559