

House companion bill was introduced by Representative HEFLEY. The Resources Committee has approved the House bill. I urge the House to send the Senate bill to the President for signing into law.

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

Mr. HANSEN. 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 Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1438.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

AUTHORIZING RELOCATION OF HOME OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5478) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation suitable land to serve as the new location for the home of Alexander Hamilton, commonly known as the Hamilton Grange, and to authorize the relocation of the Hamilton Grange to the acquired land.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5478

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

SECTION 1. RELOCATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE HAMILTON GRANGE IN NEW YORK CITY.

Section 2 of Public Law 87-438, as amended by Public Law 100-701; 102 Stat. 4640; 16 U.S.C. 431 note) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "The Secretary of the Interior"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b) RELOCATION OF HAMILTON GRANGE.—The Secretary is authorized to acquire by donation from the City of New York, New York, a parcel of land or suitable interests in such land, not to exceed one acre, to serve as the new location for the home of Alexander Hamilton, commonly known as the Hamilton Grange, and to relocate the Hamilton Grange to such land. The acquired land or interests in land shall be in close proximity to the original location of Hamilton Grange and shall be added to and administered as part of the memorial."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5478 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire by donation suitable land to serve as the new location for the home of Alexander Hamilton. The home is commonly known as the Hamilton Grange.

The bill would also authorize the relocation of the Hamilton Grange to the land acquired. Located in New York City, the Hamilton Grange was dedicated in 1962. The home, at its current location, is bordered by high-rise buildings and is not a suitable location. The City of New York has agreed to donate approximately one acre of land in a small park directly across the street so that the Hamilton home can be moved to a more suitable location.

This bill will protect an important part of early American historical resources, and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5478.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague, the gentleman from Utah (Chairman HANSEN), in supporting H.R. 5478.

This bill would authorize the National Park Service to move the Hamilton Grange National Memorial from its current location to a nearby city park. The legislation authorizes the Park Service to accept up to one acre of the park as a donation from the City of New York.

Commissioned in the late 1700s and completed in 1802, the Hamilton Grange served as Alexander Hamilton's home until his death. The Grange, named after Hamilton's ancestral home in Scotland, is the only home he ever owned.

Unfortunately, the Park Service was forced to close the Grange due to its deteriorating condition. The site was recently reopened on a limited basis after desperately needed repairs. However, in order for the home to be fully appreciated as it appeared in Hamilton's day, it must be moved from its present location to the nearby park. Such a move is included in the General Management Plan for the site and the City of New York, the National Park Service, local community boards, churches, civic associations, preservationists and other relevant governmental agencies have all expressed their support for this plan.

We, in the Virgin Islands, are proud that we are able to honor Alexander Hamilton in this way, who grew up in my island of St. Croix.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL) for this bill, and I urge our colleagues to approve H.R. 5478.

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

Mr. HANSEN. 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 Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5478.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

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

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE ACT

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2749) to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, to facilitate the interpretation of the history of development and use of trails in the settling of the western portion of the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2749

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

TITLE I—CALIFORNIA TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "California Trail Interpretive Act".

SEC. 102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the nineteenth-century westward movement in the United States over the California National Historic Trail, which occurred from 1840 until the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, was an important cultural and historical event in—

(A) the development of the western land of the United States; and

(B) the prevention of colonization of the west coast by Russia and the British Empire;

(2) the movement over the California Trail was completed by over 300,000 settlers, many of whom left records or stories of their journeys; and

(3) additional recognition and interpretation of the movement over the California Trail is appropriate in light of—

(A) the national scope of nineteenth-century westward movement in the United States; and

(B) the strong interest expressed by people of the United States in understanding their history and heritage.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

(1) to recognize the California Trail, including the Hastings Cutoff and the trail of