The bill is based on one introduced by Rep. Udall in the 106th Congress and similar legislation proposed by former Congressman David Skaggs and others in previous years. It would:

- designate about 249,562 acres within Rocky Mountain National Park, or about 94 percent of the Park, as wilderness, including Longs Peak—the areas included is based on the recommendations prepared over 25 years ago by President Nixon with some revisions in boundaries to reflect acquisitions and other changes since that recommendation was submitted.
- designate about 1,000 acres as potential wilderness until non-conforming structures are removed.
- provide that if non-federal holdings within the wilderness boundaries are acquired by the United States, they will become part of the wilderness and managed accordingly.

**EXISTING WATER FACILITIES**

Boundaries for the wilderness are drawn to exclude existing storage and conveyance structures assuring continued use of the Grand River Ditch and its right-of-way, the east and west portals of the Adams Tunnel and gauging stations of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project, Long Draw Reservoir, and lands owned by the St. Vrain & Left Hand Water Conservancy District—including Copeland Reservoir.

The bill includes provisions to make clear that its enactment will not impose new restrictions on already allowed activities for the operation, maintenance, repair, or reconstruction of the Adams Tunnel, which diverts water under Rocky Mountain National Park (including lands that would be designated by this bill) or other Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities, and that additional activities for these purposes will be allowed should they be necessary to respond to emergencies and subject to reasonable restrictions.

**IN MEMORY OF CHIEF RONALD “REDBONE” VAN DUNK**

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN OF NEW YORK**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize Chief Ronald "Redbone" Van Dunk, grand chief of the Ramapough Mountain Tribe, from Hillburn, New York, in my congressional district.

In his role as the grand chief of the 3,000 member Ramapough Mountain Tribe, Chief Redbone served his people with distinction and dignity, and honorably led his tribe in their long sought campaign for Federal recognition.