

not to exceed 10 percent of the cost of each transaction conducted under this Act.

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.

#### WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT OF 2006

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4588) to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Senate amendments:

On page 2, strike line 14 and insert the following:

*“(B) the exploration of new ideas that—  
“(i) address water problems; or  
“(ii) expand understanding of water and water-related phenomena;”*

On page 4, line 5, strike “and”:

On page 4, strike lines 6 and 7 and insert the following:

*“(C) advances in water infrastructure and water quality improvements; and  
“(D) methods for identifying, and determining the effectiveness of, treatment technologies and efficiencies.”*

On page 4, line 10, strike “5” and insert: “7.5”

Mr. POMBO (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendments be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVA- TION ACT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate bill (S. 1378) to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 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 California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1378

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

#### SECTION 1. NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVA- TION ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “National Historic Preservation Act Amendments Act of 2006”.

(b) REFERENCE.—A reference in this Act to “the Act” shall be a reference to the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

(c) HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND.—Section 108 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470h) is amended by striking “2005” and inserting “2015”.

(d) MEMBERSHIP OF ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—

(1) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Section 201(a)(4) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470i(a)(4)) is amended by striking “four” and inserting “seven”.

(2) ALLOWING DESIGNEE FOR GOVERNOR MEMBER.—Section 201(b) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470i(b)) is amended by striking “(5) and”.

(3) QUORUM.—Section 201(f) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470i(f)) is amended by striking “Nine” and inserting “12”.

(e) FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—Section 205(f) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470m(f)) is amended to read as follows:

“(f) Financial and administrative services (including those related to budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, personnel and procurement) shall be provided the Council by the Department of the Interior or, at the discretion of the Council, such other agency or private entity that reaches an agreement with the Council, for which payments shall be made in advance or by reimbursement from funds of the Council in such amounts as may be agreed upon by the Chairman of the Council and the head of the agency or, in the case of a private entity, the authorized representative of the private entity that will provide the services. When a Federal agency affords such services, the regulations of that agency for the collection of indebtedness of personnel resulting from erroneous payments (5 U.S.C. 5514(b)) shall apply to the collection of erroneous payments made to or on behalf of a Council employee and regulations of that agency for the administrative control of funds (31 U.S.C. 1513(d), 1514) shall apply to appropriations of the Council. The Council shall not be required to prescribe such regulations.”.

(f) APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—Section 212(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470t(a)) is amended by striking “for purposes of this title not to exceed \$4,000,000 for each fiscal year 1997 through 2005” and inserting “such amounts as may be necessary to carry out this title”.

(g) EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL GRANT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN MEETING THE PURPOSES AND POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT.—Title II of the Act is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

#### “SEC. 216. EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL GRANT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

“(a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Council may enter into a cooperative agreement with any Federal agency that administers a grant or assistance program for the purpose of improving the effectiveness of the administration of such program in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act. Such cooperative agreements may include provisions that modify the selection criteria for a grant or assistance program to further the purposes of this Act or that allow the Coun-

cil to participate in the selection of recipients, if such provisions are not inconsistent with the grant or assistance program's statutory authorization and purpose.

“(b) REVIEW OF GRANT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—The Council may—

“(1) review the operation of any Federal grant or assistance program to evaluate the effectiveness of such program in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act;

“(2) make recommendations to the head of any Federal agency that administers such program to further the consistency of the program with the purposes and policies of the Act and to improve its effectiveness in carrying out those purposes and policies; and

“(3) make recommendations to the President and Congress regarding the effectiveness of Federal grant and assistance programs in meeting the purposes and policies of this Act, including recommendations with regard to appropriate funding levels.”.

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.

#### MUSCONETCONG WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1096) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, 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 California?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

S. 1096

*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 “Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”.

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation and consultation with appropriate Federal, State, regional, and local agencies, is conducting a study of the eligibility and suitability of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

(2) the Musconetcong Wild and Scenic River Study Task Force, with assistance from the National Park Service, has prepared a river management plan for the study area entitled “Musconetcong River Management Plan” and dated April 2003 that establishes goals and actions to ensure long-term protection of the outstanding values of the river and compatible management of land and water resources associated with the Musconetcong River; and

(3) 13 municipalities and 3 counties along segments of the Musconetcong River that