

ation of the joint resolution of the Senate (S.J. Res. 45) authorizing the use of United States Armed Forces in Somalia.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. DARDEN as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SKAGGS, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. DARDEN, Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

¶59.6 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT—S. 1

Mr. WYDEN submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 103-100) on the bill of the Senate (S. 1) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the programs of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶59.7 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 873

Mr. GORDON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 171):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 873) entitled the "Gallatin Range Consolidation and Protection Act of 1993". The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. Each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. GORDON, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶59.8 GALLATIN RANGE LAND ACQUISITION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DARDEN, pursuant to House Resolution 171 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 873) entitled: "Gallatin Range Consolidation and Protection Act of 1993".

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. DARDEN, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. SKAGGS as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Chairman, Ms. SCHENK, assumed the Chair; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MONTGOMERY, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. SKAGGS, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 171, reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee.

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

The following amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Gallatin Range Consolidation and Protection Act of 1993".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that:

(1) It has been the clear policy of the Federal Government since 1925 to consolidate the checkerboard lands along the Gallatin Range north of Yellowstone National Park.

(2) These lands north of Yellowstone possess outstanding natural characteristics and wildlife habitat which give them high value as lands added to the National Forest System.

(3) Although these lands have historically remained pristine up to now, failure to consolidate at this time will in the near future lead to fragmentation and development.

(4) The Federal Government has already invested a great deal in keeping the lands along the Gallatin Range protected from excess development.

SEC. 3. PLUM CREEK LAND EXCHANGE—GALLATIN AREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall, subject to the provisions of sections 4(a) and 5(a) and notwithstanding any other provision of law, acquire by exchange and cash equalization in the amount of \$3,400,000, certain lands and interests in land of the Plum Creek Timber, L.P. (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "company"), in and adjacent to the Hyalite-Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area, the Scapegoat Wilderness Area, and other land in the Gallatin National Forest in accordance with this section.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LANDS.—(1) If the company offers to the United States the fee title, including mineral interests, to approximately 37,752 and ¹⁵/₁₀₀ acres of land owned by the company which is available for exchange to the United States as depicted on a map entitled "Plum Creek Timber and Forest Service Proposed Gallatin Land Exchange", dated May 20, 1988, the Secretary shall accept a warranty deed to such land and, in exchange therefor, and subject to valid existing rights, upon such acceptance the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, subject to valid

existing rights, by patent the fee title to approximately 12,414 and ⁹/₁₀₀ acres of National Forest System lands available for exchange to the company as depicted on such map, subject to—

(A) the reservation of ditches and canals required by the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and for other purposes", approved August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945);

(B) the reservation of rights under Federal Oil and Gas Lease numbers 49739, 55610, 40389, 53670, 40215, 33385, 53736, and 38684; and

(C) such other terms, conditions, reservations, and exceptions as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the company.

(2) On termination or relinquishment of the leases referred to in paragraph (1), all the rights and interests in land granted therein shall immediately vest in the company, its successors and assigns, and the Secretary shall give notice of that event by a document suitable for recording in the county wherein the leased lands are situated.

(c) EASEMENTS.—Reciprocal easements shall be exchanged at closing on the conveyances authorized by this section—

(1) in consideration of the easements conveyed by the company as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary shall, under authority of the Act of October 13, 1964 (16 U.S.C. 532 et seq.; commonly referred to as the "National Forest Roads and Trails Act"), or the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, execute and deliver to the company such easements or other rights-of-way authorizations over federally owned lands included in this exchange as may be agreed to by the Secretary and the company in an exchange agreement; and

(2) in consideration of the easements conveyed by the United States as provided in paragraph (1), the company shall execute and deliver to the United States such easements or other rights-of-way authorizations across company-owned lands included in this exchange as may be agreed to by the Secretary and the company in an exchange agreement.

(d) TIMING OF TRANSACTION.—Subject to the provisions of sections 4(a) and 5(a) of this Act, it is the intent of Congress that the conveyances authorized by this section be completed within 90 days after the date of enactment of an Act making the appropriation authorized by subsection (e).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section the sum of \$3,400,000, which amount the Secretary shall, when appropriated, pay to the company to equalize the value of the exchange of land authorized by this section.

(f) QUALITY OF TITLE.—Title to the properties referenced in this section to be offered to the United States by Big Sky Lumber Company, its assignees or successors in interest, shall include both the entire surface and subsurface estates without reservation or exception. The owner shall be required to acquire any outstanding interest in mineral or mineral rights, timber or timber rights, water or water rights, or any other outstanding interest in the property, except reservations by the United States or the State of Montana by patent, in order to assure that title to the property is transferred as described in this section and sections 4, 5, and 6. Title to land to be conveyed to the United States shall be acceptable to the Secretary and shall otherwise be in conformity with title standards for Federal land acquisitions.

(g) REFERENCES.—The reference and authorities of this section referring to Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., shall also refer to its successors and assigns.