

H.R. 453 aids in this cause by transferring approximately 76 acres of historically significant lands from the TVA's management to the United States, to be held in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee.

Placing these lands into trust would give the Eastern Band greater control over their historic homelands, as well as the opportunity to memorialize the history and culture of the Cherokee people.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 453, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a relatively small Tribe located in the Great Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina. The Tribe was opposed to the construction of the Tellico Dam and, after its completion in 1979, worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority regarding impacted areas that were of historic significance to the Tribe. The Tribe currently manages most of these properties under permanent easements granted in the mid-1980s as a result of an informal agreement with TVA.

This bill would permanently transfer these properties, totaling approximately 96 acres along the Little Tennessee River and the Tellico Reservoir, in trust status for the Tribe.

Gaming, pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, would be prohibited. Most of the parcels to be placed in trust under the bill will be used for memorializing and interpreting the history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The remaining parcels will be used for recreational trails.

I commend the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) for his continued hard work on this legislation, which passed the House last Congress by an overwhelming vote of 383-2. I hope the Senate will take the opportunity to pass this worthy legislation this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. HAALAND. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I would inquire whether my colleague has any remaining speakers on his side.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have one speaker.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN).

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 453, and I thank both my Democratic and Republican colleagues for their great, strong words of encouragement and support on this long-overdue bill.

Mr. Speaker, the great State of Tennessee gets its name from the historic Overhill Cherokee village site called

Tanasi in present-day Monroe County, Tennessee, one of my 11 counties that I proudly represent in this, the people's House. Tanasi served as the capital of the Cherokee Nation from as early as 1721 until 1730.

As a result of several misguided Federal policies, the Cherokee and other Tribes were forcibly removed from Tennessee and surrounding States, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginia. This tragic period in American history led to the infamous Trail of Tears.

My bill, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act, returns important historical land sites back to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

I want the Members of this House to understand that this was a promise that was made by the people of Tennessee and the TVA to the Cherokee decades ago. This is not something new. The promise was made, and the promise was not kept.

Many of the Eastern Band remained in east Tennessee. In other words, when this forced removal came, they refused to go. They hid, and then they came back.

Fortunately, today, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a proud Cherokee Nation in my district, and this 76.1 acres is their sacred homeland. This needs to be returned to them.

My district also includes several areas where Sequoyah was, and still is, honored by the Cherokee. As we go to vote, we see her likeness, her image, her bust here in this Capitol, but that is something that the Cherokees still want to honor on this land in Tennessee.

What is so important? This is so important that TVA, the United States of America, the great State of Tennessee, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have all come together to right a long-term wrong. We will honor and cherish Cherokee history and Cherokee traditions with this bill in Monroe County, Tennessee.

At a time when this House, perhaps even this Nation, is divided on a lot of issues, I have received overwhelming bipartisan support in this House for this bill, from Republicans and Democrats and from up the hall in the United States Senate. Senator MARSHA BLACKBURN, Senator LAMAR ALEXANDER, and Senator THOM TILLIS, Representative PHIL ROE, Representative MARK MEADOWS, and Representative TOM COLE have all helped us.

Without further ado, Mr. Speaker, I urge prompt consideration and support of my bill.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I again commend the gentleman from Tennessee for his work on this bill. The Trail of Tears passes through my district in Arkansas. Again, this is a long-overdue bill.

I urge passage of it in the House, and I urge our friends in the Senate to take up the bill and pass it, as well.

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

Ms. HAALAND. Mr. Speaker, I also wholeheartedly support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support it, as well.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. HAALAND) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 453, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1745

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. HAALAND. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3172.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

VOTE TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT TRUMP

(Mr. MCNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives is vested by the Constitution with the power of impeachment to provide a balance to the power of the Presidency. Without this essential duty, the President could exploit the sacred office without any regard for the law.

On January 3, 2019, every Member of the House swore an oath to defend our Constitution, and this week, we are being asked to do just that.

President Trump tried to undermine the 2020 election; and when the House exercised this duty to investigate this abuse of power, the President refused to cooperate and forbade his administration from doing so, obstructing Congress from carrying out our sworn responsibility.

If these actions bear no consequences, future Presidents may act without constraint, and American democracy will be at an end.

Therefore, compelled by my sworn duty to defend the Constitution, I will vote to impeach this President, and I urge the Senate to remove him from office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER) at 12 o'clock and 46 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1158, DHS CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAMS ACT OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1865, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF H. RES. 761, PERMITTING INDIVIDUALS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE HALL OF THE HOUSE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FOOTAGE OF THE HOUSE IN SESSION FOR INCLUSION IN THE ORIENTATION FILM TO BE SHOWN TO VISITORS AT THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Mr. MORELLE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-353) on the resolution (H. Res. 765) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158) to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1865) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 761) permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 758, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. today.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 48 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 9 a.m.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 453, the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 4227, the MAPS Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 4998, the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia: Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 2474. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, and the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-347). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2647. A bill to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-348). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4227. A bill to prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map (Rept. 116-349). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4229. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-350). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4779. A bill to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-351). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4998. A bill to prohibit certain Federal loans, grants, and subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 116-352). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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Mr. MORELLE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 765. Resolution providing for Consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158) to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1865) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 761) permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center (Rept. 116-353). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MCHENRY (for himself, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. POSEY, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 5434. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide an exemption from certain antitampering provisions for certain actions for modifying a motor vehicle that is not legal for operation on a street or highway and is to be used solely for competition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MCEACHIN, and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H.R. 5435. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of the United States Forest Service to meet certain targets for the reduction of the emission of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Miss GONZALEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico:

H.R. 5436. A bill to amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, with respect to enforcement of animal fighting ventures prohibition in the territories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself and Mr. RUTHERFORD):