

10 million acres of Forest Service land is involved in a critical habitat being proposed for the grizzly bear in the Western United States. Much of the land involved in this proposed designation is not habitat that is necessary for the continued survival of the bear."

We do not have just 10 million acres, Mr. Speaker, that they are proposing here. We can set five eastern States inside this area. Clearly, the agency is ignoring what the congressional intent is and what the Congress specifically addressed in 1978, and clearly Congress had in mind the unnecessary expansion of grizzly habitat when it reauthorized the Endangered Species Act in 1978.

The real question is why the agencies blatantly disregard the explicit congressional intent in this matter and have moved forward in designating this massive area in Idaho and Montana for the grizzly bear, driven on by special interest national environmental groups.

Mr. Speaker, I would venture to say that any Member of this Chamber, whether they are Democrat or Republican, eastern or western, conservative or liberal, if faced with the possibility of having *ursus horribilis* introduced into their district, I would be happy if they would stand up, as I have, and vigorously object to this. If there is one in this body who feel that they could defend having the bears in their district, please see me and I think we can arrange something. Somehow, I doubt that there is such a Member.

If Members are among those who would oppose this action in their district, then I would implore them, any of the Members of this body, to join me in stopping this completely unnecessary and costly action from happening in my district. They can do so by cosponsoring H.R. 2162, a bill that I have introduced that simply would prohibit the reintroduction of grizzly bears into the Bitterroot ecosystem in east central Idaho.

With my colleagues' help we can stop this nonsense by the Fish and Wildlife Service and work on a more legitimate use of the Endangered Species Act. Continuing these efforts to introduce dangerous predators where millions of people live and work will only serve to give ESA another black eye and turn more people against the environmental policies of this administration.

I hope that in my speech tonight, that I have been able to educate my colleagues with some very strong evidence of how the policies instituted under the Endangered Species Act have completely gone adrift. I also hope that it will drive my colleagues, as it has me, to come together and to rein in this extreme environmental policy that we now see running rampant in some of our agencies, and come up with one that addresses the real needs of our environment, while at the same time respecting the lives and livelihoods of those who are affected by our environmental policies.

It can be done, Mr. Speaker. It must be done. And with all of our help, working together, it will be done.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FORBES (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of his father's death.

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Ms. EVANS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 7 p.m., on account of personal reasons.

Mr. GONZALEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of airline cancellation due to inclement weather.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request, of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HUTCHINSON, for 5 minutes, on July 29.

Mr. HILL, for 5 minutes, on July 29.

Mr. GIBBONS, for 5 minutes, on July 29.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, on July 29.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, on July 29.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, on July 29.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. CLAYTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DEFAZIO.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. CLEMENT.

Mrs. CARSON.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin.

Mr. CONYERS.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. SCHIFF.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. BILIRAKIS.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. CHENOWETH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. COSTELLO.

Mr. BALLENGER.

Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. GREEN.

SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 833. An act to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzbaum United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 1000. An act to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 1043. An act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution urging the United States Trade Representative immediately to take all appropriate action with regards to Mexico's imposition of anti-dumping duties on United States high fructose corn syrup; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at 9 a.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4367. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Sheep Promotion, Research, and Information [No. LS-97-002] received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4368. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Popcorn Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order [FV-96-706FR] received July 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4369. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting