the park and half outside. Currently, the Bureau of Land Management manages the upper half of this canyon, while the National Park Service manages the lower portion.

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This bill will simply move the park boundary to the far edge of the canyon to include all of Lost Spring Canyon. By doing so, the park boundary will be redrawn where it should have been originally. In doing so, this bill adds approximately 3,140 acres to one of our most spectacular national parks. This is an area of hundred-foot canyon walls, gentle grass valleys and delicate sandstone arches. This common-sense boundary adjustment will bring at least 10 new arches under park protection. It will also have the side benefit of allowing the park to offer a backcountry experience, an aspect that is currently missing.

But this addition does not just make sense aesthetically. It also makes sense from a management standpoint. The proposed new boundary will put the National Park Service in charge of an area with clear geographic division, specifically the rim of a canyon. Visitors, park, and BLM employees will know where the park ends and BLM land begins.

Part of the proposed addition also includes a section of school trust land owned by Utah's school children. That section really should be part of Arches. My staff sat down with the Utah School Trust and the Bureau of Land Management to find a section of Federal land that could be traded for the school trust section. A section was identified, and a trade for that section is in the bill. I believe this is one of the key provisions of the measure. In Utah we have had a long history of our school children being forced to bear the burden of Federal land management decisions. In contrast, this bill protects both the land and Utah's school children.

We worked long to ensure that this bill had the input of all the different parties concerned with the park expansion. Comments were taken from elected officials, local citizens, interest groups, Government agencies, and a wide variety of groups who cherish this land. Their opinions were considered carefully during the drafting and redrafting of this bill. I feel strongly that this bill is a good balance of the competing interests.

I believe that is why 49 of my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, have joined me on this measure. That is why the Utah School Trust, local officials and I believe a majority of the residents of Grand County favor this proposal. That is why both the Grand Canyon Trust and the National Parks and Conservation Association are on board, and that is why the National Park Service and the administration have indicated support. This is a pro-environment, pro-open process, pro-park vote and, most importantly, it is the right thing to do.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for an affirmative vote.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the attached language that clarifies the operation and maintenance of the existing natural gas pipeline in Arches National Park and the proposed Lost Spring Canyon addition to the park.

This language has been agreed to by the majority and minority staffs of the National Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee, the sponsor of the bill, Mr. CANNON, the National Park Service, and the operator of the pipeline.

Section 2(d)(2) provides that the natural gas pipeline currently located within the boundary of Arches National Park, and that is located in the Lost Spring Canyon addition to the park, can continue to be operated and maintained in a manner necessary to achieve compliance with Federal pipeline safety regulations.

This language does not give the operator of the pipeline authority to expand the pipeline's current capacity, replace the pipeline, or construct new facilities. Section 2(d)(2) simply recognizes that the operator is bound by the Federal pipeline safety law and implementing regulations to maintain certain safety standards. The committee believes the operator should not be forced into a position where the operator is in violation of those requirements and where the safe operation of the pipeline is jeopardized.

For example, safety regulations require that pipeline operators maintain certain levels of cathodic protection along pipelines to protect against corrosion. Cathodic protection involves the creation of a small electrical current along the pipe to counter the current that naturally occurs between the pipe and the soil. By neutralizing this natural current, corrosion of the pipe is avoided. The committee understands that the pipeline operator now maintains a cathodic protection facility in the Lost Spring Canyon addition to the park. This language insures that such facility could continue to operate if retaining a facility in this area is necessary to achieve the levels of cathodic protection required by Federal regulation.

The committee understands that the National Park Service periodically renews the permit governing the operation of the pipeline located within the park. This language in no way is intended to interfere with the National Park Service's ability to require operation of the pipeline in a manner that minimizes its impact on the park. Again, the language is intended to ensure that the pipeline operator is not forced to operate the pipeline in a manner that is unsafe and inconsistent with Federal law and regulations governing safety.

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2283, the Arches National Park Expansion Act. This bill simply expands the existing national park by 3,140 acres to include scenic wonders that were left out when the park boundaries were drawn 25 years ago. These sites belong in the park and should have been included the first time around. Let me give you an example: Lost Spring Canyon is a spectacular canyon. Nature has carved at least 10 arches in the walls of this dramatic canyon. Yet, only a small portion of the canyon is part of the Arches National Park. The rest was cut out because park boundaries were drawn along sectional lines. This bill now brings the entire canyon into the park.

This is an inexpensive, practical move that has the broad support of the people in my district and my State. I urge the passage of H.R. 2283. Thank you. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALLAHAN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2283, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: ''A bill to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park in the State of Utah to include portions of the following drainages: Salt Wash, Lost Spring Canyon, Fish Seep Draw, Clover Canyon, Cordova Canyon, Mine Draw, and Cottonwood Wash, which are currently under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw, which is currently owned by the State of Utah.''.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the two bills just passed.

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

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO HONORABLE THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, there will be some debate on the floor about the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOGLIETTA] who has been named ambassador to Italy. I just wanted to take this time this evening in the event that I am not here on the floor when that tribute is made that I want to really salute our colleague for that tremendous achievement. He started out in Philadelphia as the youngest city councilman ever elected. He worked tirelessly for his constituents. I know that the gentleman in the chair has served with him for years in the Committee on Appropriations. He was always fair. While we wait here for the next legislation, I think it is absolutely proper and fitting to pay tribute. I just wanted to put my little two cents in and thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for the great job he has done for the country, for his constituents and all the help he has given me and my constituents.