

gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. NEUMANN) for bringing this resolution forward and for working with us in crafting the language which would enable it to have bipartisan support.

I think it is important that we proceed in a bipartisan manner here, because the American people expect us to, and they know the only way we can make Government accountable is if we insist from both sides that Government be accountable. Certainly it needs to be said again that the Clinton administration has taken the lead in highlighting and addressing the problems that have been discussed here today.

In 1993, Vice President GORE recommended annual consolidated financial reports and comprehensive Governmentwide accounting standards as part of his Reinventing Government Initiative. The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board completed basic Federal Government accounting standards in record time. And as has been previously stated, the administration submitted the first Governmentwide financial audit by the statutory deadline of March 31, 1998. President Clinton has sent a memorandum to each agency head requiring that specific agencies prepare action plans to ensure that the government receives an unqualified opinion on its fiscal year 1999 audit.

Mr. Speaker, the administration needs both of us, needs all of us, to work with it to make Government work better. I remain dedicated to that cause. I know that is a dedication that I share with my colleagues, with the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN), with the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. NEUMANN) and with everyone else.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 447, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### LAKE CHELAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3520) to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3520

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

#### SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS, LAKE CHELAN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST, WASHINGTON.

(a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS.—

(1) LAKE CHELAN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—The boundary of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, established by section 202 of Public Law 90-544 (16 U.S.C. 90a-1), is hereby adjusted to exclude a parcel of land and waters consisting of approximately 88 acres, as depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Management Units, North Cascades, Washington", numbered NP-CAS-7002A, originally dated October 1967, and revised July 13, 1994.

(2) WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST.—The boundary of the Wenatchee National Forest is hereby adjusted to include the parcel of land and waters described in paragraph (1).

(3) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the superintendent of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, and in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

(b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—Administrative jurisdiction over Federal land and waters in the parcel covered by the boundary adjustments in subsection (a) is transferred from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture, and the transferred land and waters shall be managed by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to the National Forest System.

(c) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.—For purposes of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9), the boundaries of the Wenatchee National Forest, as adjusted by subsection (a), shall be considered to be the boundaries of the Wenatchee National Forest as of January 1, 1965.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Idaho (Mrs. CHENOWETH) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Idaho (Mrs. CHENOWETH).

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

(Mrs. CHENOWETH asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, first I would like to recognize the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for all of his excellent work on this bill. The gentleman from Washington has spent numerous hours, working with the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, finding a solution that all parties agree to. That is a monumental task, and he did it.

H.R. 3520 is a rather simple but very important piece of legislation. With this bill, 88 acres of land is placed under one jurisdiction, that of the U.S. Forest Service. Additionally and more importantly, this bill fulfills a long-standing commitment made by the National Park Service to Mr. George C. Wall, the private landowner whose acreage is within the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. This legislation eliminates the confusion that was

once caused when both the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service shared jurisdiction over this land. Finally, H.R. 3520 removes one of the many in-holding conflicts we currently have on our Federal lands.

This is a good bill, and it is the right thing to do. It has the support of the administration. It will help end the jurisdictional gridlock by consolidating the management authority under the U.S. Forest Service and let us keep the National Park Service's commitment to Mr. Wall. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3520.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS), the author of the legislation.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Idaho for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of my bill, H.R. 3520, which would adjust the boundary line between the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the Wenatchee National Forest. This is a relatively simple, non-controversial measure which is supported by both the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service.

This boundary line adjustment is meant to consolidate the property of Mr. George Wall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. Unfortunately, due to an original drafting error, a portion of Mr. Wall's property is included in the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and a portion in the Wenatchee National Forest. This condition creates some confusion regarding the coordination of Federal land policy in this area.

First of all, let me make this point, that this is a very remote area of central Washington. It is several hours away by boat from the nearest city. It is primarily national forest and national wilderness lands with very little privately held land in this area. This bill is targeted to help not only one landowner but also the American people as a whole and will have no impact on any other private land.

In 1968 when the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area was created, Mr. Wall was assured that his property would remain within the Wenatchee National Forest. H.R. 3520 would uphold this original commitment to Mr. Wall by placing all of his property under the U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction.

This legislation is personally important to Mr. Wall and it is administratively important to the agencies involved. With the enactment of H.R. 3520, Mr. Wall's property would be entirely within the jurisdiction of the Forest Service, thereby alleviating Mr. Wall's continued need to respond to both Park Service and Forest Service management. Mr. Speaker, I would like to quote from a May 1995 letter from the Park Service to Senator SLADE GORTON of Washington regarding the need for this boundary adjustment. According to the National Park Service,

changing the boundary would "contribute to enhancement of public service as well as more efficient administration of Federal lands and would be of benefit to the landowner in that it would eliminate the necessity of dealing with two separate Federal agencies with different congressional mandates and administrative procedures."

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wall's property lies beside Lake Chelan, and the current border cuts through the lake and directly through his property. In order to adjust the border in the most efficient manner, H.R. 3520 would adjust the line starting on the opposite side of the lake toward the northern point of Mr. Wall's land. From there, the new border would wrap around Mr. Wall's property and back to the current border. This change would mean that 65 acres of the lake and 23 acres of Mr. Wall's property would now be outside the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. All told, 88 acres would be transferred to the Wenatchee National Forest. I might point out that the 65 acres of Lake Chelan that will hereinafter be within the National Forest system will not affect the recreational use of the area.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wall has waited for nearly three decades for the Federal Government to address this situation.

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He is now in poor health, and his family has asked that we might make this adjustment as quickly as possible. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and uphold the original commitment made to Mr. Wall when the boundary was drawn in 1968, 30 years ago.

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

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

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, this legislation proposes to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area in the State of Washington to exclude 88 acres. Currently a private landowner is subject to dual jurisdiction by the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. This bill in effect would place the lands in the Wenatchee National Forest, which is solely administered by the U.S. Forest Service. Both the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) as the chief sponsor of this legislation and for bringing this matter to the attention of the House, and I do urge the adoption of this bill.

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

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I have no more requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, but I do

want to commend the gentlewoman from Idaho for her management of this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. UPTON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Utah (Mrs. CHENOWETH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3520.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3520, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM ACT OF 1998

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1635) to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1635

*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 "National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998".*

##### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—*The Congress finds the following:*

(1) *The Underground Railroad, which flourished from the end of the 18th century to the end of the Civil War, was one of the most significant expressions of the American civil rights movement during its evolution over more than 3 centuries.*

(2) *The Underground Railroad bridged the divides of race, religion, sectional differences, and nationality; spanned State lines and international borders; and joined the American ideals of liberty and freedom expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution to the extraordinary actions of ordinary men and women working in common purpose to free a people.*

(3) *Pursuant to title VI of Public Law 101-628 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5 note; 104 Stat. 4495), the Underground Railroad Advisory Committee conducted a study of the appropriate means of establishing an enduring national commemorative Underground Railroad program of education, example, reflection, and reconciliation.*

(4) *The Underground Railroad Advisory Committee found that—*

(A) *although a few elements of the Underground Railroad story are represented in existing National Park Service units and other sites,*

*many sites are in imminent danger of being lost or destroyed, and many important resource types are not adequately represented and protected;*

(B) *there are many important sites which have high potential for preservation and visitor use in 29 States, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands;*

(C) *no single site or route completely reflects and characterizes the Underground Railroad, since its story and associated resources involve networks and regions of the country rather than individual sites and trails; and*

(D) *establishment of a variety of partnerships between the Federal Government and other levels of government and the private sector would be most appropriate for the protection and interpretation of the Underground Railroad.*

(5) *The National Park Service can play a vital role in facilitating the national commemoration of the Underground Railroad.*

(6) *The story and significance of the Underground Railroad can best engage the American people through a national program of the National Park Service that links historic buildings, structures, and sites; routes, geographic areas, and corridors; interpretive centers, museums, and institutions; and programs, activities, community projects, exhibits, and multimedia materials, in a manner that is both unified and flexible.*

(b) PURPOSES.—*The purposes of this Act are the following:*

(1) *To recognize the importance of the Underground Railroad, the sacrifices made by those who used the Underground Railroad in search of freedom from tyranny and oppression, and the sacrifices made by the people who helped them.*

(2) *To authorize the National Park Service to coordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of the Underground Railroad, its significance as a crucial element in the evolution of the national civil rights movement, and its relevance in fostering the spirit of racial harmony and national reconciliation.*

##### SEC. 3. NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—*The Secretary of the Interior (in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall establish in the National Park Service a program to be known as the "National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom" (in this Act referred to as the "national network"). Under the program, the Secretary shall—*

(1) *produce and disseminate appropriate educational materials, such as handbooks, maps, interpretive guides, or electronic information;*

(2) *enter into appropriate cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding to provide technical assistance under subsection (c); and*

(3) *create and adopt an official, uniform symbol or device for the national network and issue regulations for its use.*

(b) ELEMENTS.—*The national network shall encompass the following elements:*

(1) *All units and programs of the National Park Service determined by the Secretary to pertain to the Underground Railroad.*

(2) *Other Federal, State, local, and privately owned properties pertaining to the Underground Railroad that have a verifiable connection to the Underground Railroad and that are included on, or determined by the Secretary to be eligible for inclusion on, the National Register of Historic Places.*

(3) *Other governmental and nongovernmental facilities and programs of an educational, research, or interpretive nature that are directly related to the Underground Railroad.*

(c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—*To achieve the purposes of this Act and to ensure effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal elements of the national network referred to in subsection (b) with National Park Service units and programs, the Secretary may enter into cooperative*