

gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).

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

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3047 is a bill introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA). The gentleman from Texas has worked hard on this bill which addresses an important historical site in Texas.

H.R. 3047 would authorize the expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site by 16 acres by increasing the "not to exceed" acreage clause in the current enabling legislation which prevents the historical site from expanding. The acreage to be acquired is needed to protect the site's historic setting and viewshed. Of particular note, no federally appropriated funds are requested for this land acquisition.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support passage of H.R. 3047.

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 proposed legislation now before us was introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BONILLA). The bill, H.R. 3047, authorizes the addition of 16 acres to the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Texas.

This is a measure that the National Park Service testified in favor of at the hearing that was held before our Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. I understand that the 16 acres in question is being acquired by a third party and will be donated to the park once the necessary authorization is received.

Mr. Speaker, I support the passage of this legislation and I urge my colleagues to do likewise.

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. I would like to thank Chairman YOUNG for his cooperation and assistance in moving this bill through his committee.

Fort Davis is located in the heart of West Texas, nestled in an area that is very scenic in its own rough and rugged way. I am very proud to represent this area, and I would invite my colleagues to visit the area to see the beauty for yourself.

The fort was a key post in the defense of West Texas and thus played a major role in this region's history. From 1854 to 1891, troops at the post guarded immigrants, freighters and stagecoaches on the San Antonio-El Paso road. Fort Davis is the best remaining example in the Southwest of the typical post-Civil War frontier fort. The post has extensive surviving structures and ruins.

My bill would permit a simple 16 acre expansion of the historical site. This legislation is necessary because the original legislation limited the historic site to 460 acres.

The particular parcel of land that would be added to the site is known as Sleeping Lion Mountain. This land overlooks the park's historic landmarks. The land is slated to be donated to the National Park Service by the Conservation Fund. The land has been purchased by the Conservation Fund. They secured the funds from several private foundations to purchase the land. The purchase of the land was completed in April and they are simply waiting for us to act.

The tract is adjacent to the fort's southern boundary and I believe that the inclusion of this tract of land into the site would ensure the visual and historic integrity for this state and national treasure.

This park expansion has the blessing of the local community and is also supported by the Texas Historical Commission. As you can see this is a simple piece of legislation to allow for a minor park expansion. This would allow us to preserve a very important piece of our heritage and history in West Texas.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3047.

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

Mr. JONES. 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. 3047, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

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#### LAND CONVEYANCE IN CARSON AND SANTA FE NATIONAL FORESTS, NEW MEXICO

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 434) to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:  
Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE, SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST, NEW MEXICO.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—Within 60 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (herein "the Secretary") shall convey to the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, subject to the terms and conditions under sub-

section (c), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property (including any improvements on the land) consisting of approximately one acre located in the Santa Fe National Forest in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary. The cost of the survey shall be borne by the town of Jemez Springs.

(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

(1) Notwithstanding exceptions of application under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (43 U.S.C. 869(c)), consideration for the conveyance described in subsection (a) shall be—

(A) an amount that is consistent with the Bureau of Land Management special pricing program for Governmental entities under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; and,

(B) an agreement between the Secretary and the town of Jemez Springs indemnifying the Government of the United States from all liability of the Government that arises from the property.

(2) The lands conveyed by this Act shall be used for the purposes of construction and operation of a fire substation. If such lands cease to be used for such purposes, at the option of the United States, such lands will revert to the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).

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

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 434, introduced by former Congressman Bill Richardson, the current Ambassador to the United Nations, would revise a land conveyance from the Forest Service to Jemez Springs, New Mexico. I support the desire of the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. REDMOND) to see that Jemez Springs attains one acre of land within the town in order to construct a fire substation.

It is my understanding that in 1993 the Jemez National Recreation Area was carved out of the Santa Fe National Forest. This transformed Jemez Springs from an obscure little village located in the Santa Fe National Forest to a little community hosting over 1 million visitors annually. I applaud Jemez Springs for cooperating and assisting the Forest Service in answering the numerous fire calls throughout the area. Without much imagination my colleagues can see how such increased activities would cause significant problems for any community.

The Senate amended and passed H.R. 434 by unanimous consent. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 434.

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.)