

that illustrate some of the most magnificent painting we have ever seen of the Hudson River Valley.

With the broad landscape paintings that I have just talked about, Thomas Cole's students and followers dominated the visual arts in this country as have no painters before or since. Today their paintings provide insight and reflect the growth of a uniquely American spirit.

In passing this bill today, we will preserve this school of art, the residence that Thomas Cole worked from in creating many of his paintings, as well as the very landscapes which these artists painted, especially the beautiful Hudson River.

Again, I just want to thank the chairman, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. DON YOUNG), and certainly the subcommittee chairman, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. JIM HANSEN), and all of their staffs on both sides of the aisle for bringing this bill out here in a timely manner. I really appreciate it, and so do the people that enjoy one of the most scenic beauties in the entire world, and that is the Hudson River Valley of New York.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR). 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. 3109, 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 was amended so as to read: "A bill to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System."

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 and include extraneous material on H.R. 3109, the bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### MARION NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY AND CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER CONVEYANCE ACT

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1883) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1883

*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 "Marion National Fish Hatchery and Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center Conveyance Act".

#### SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF MARION NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY AND CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER TO THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

(a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the State of Alabama without reimbursement, and subject to the condition described in paragraph (2), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the properties described in subsection (b) for use by the Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama (referred to in this section as the "Game and Fish Division") as part of the fish culture program of the State of Alabama.

(2) LEASE OF CLAUDE HARRIS NATIONAL AQUACULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER.—As a condition of the conveyance under paragraph (1), the Game and Fish Division shall offer to lease the property described in subsection (b)(1)(B) to the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station—

(A) at no cost to the Station or the Game and Fish Division; and

(B) for the period requested by the Station and provided by Alabama law.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES.—The properties referred to in subsection (a)(1) consist of—

(1)(A) the portion of the Marion National Fish Hatchery leased to the Game and Fish Division, located 7 miles northeast of Marion, Alabama, on State Highway 175, as described in Amendment No. 2 to the Cooperative Agreement dated June 6, 1974, between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Game and Fish Division, consisting of approximately 300 acres; and

(B) the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center, located 7 miles northeast of Marion, Alabama, on State Highway 175, as described in a document of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service entitled "EXHIBIT A" and dated March 19, 1996, consisting of approximately 298 acres;

(2) all improvements and related personal property under the control of the Secretary of the Interior that are located on the properties described in paragraph (1), including buildings, structures, and equipment; and

(3) all easements, leases, and water and timber rights relating to the properties described in paragraph (1).

(c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—If any property conveyed to the State of Alabama under this section is used for any purpose other than the use authorized under subsection (a), all right, title, and interest in and to all property conveyed under this section shall revert to the United States.

(2) CONDITION OF PROPERTY ON REVERSION.—In the case of a reversion of property under paragraph (1), the State of Alabama shall ensure that all property reverting to the United States under this subsection is in substantially the same condition as, or in better condition than, at the time of conveyance under subsection (a).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from

New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON).

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

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I support S. 1883, a bill introduced by our colleagues from Alabama, Senators SHELBY and SESSIONS, to transfer the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama.

This legislation, which would convey about 600 acres of Federal land, is virtually identical to a measure that the House of Representatives unanimously adopted in 1996.

The Alabama Fish and Game Division has effectively operated the Marion Fish Hatchery for over 24 years. During that time it has produced thousands of bluegills, channel fish, channel catfish, large-mouthed bass, striped bass, sunfish, and hybrid striped bass fingerlings. These fish are used to stock over 500,000 acres of public waters in the State of Alabama, and they are available to over 530,000 licensed sport anglers.

Furthermore, over \$2 million has been spent on improvements and renovations to the Marion Fish Hatchery since the State assumed operation of the facility in 1974. By obtaining title to the hatchery, the State will be able to make additional necessary modifications for the future.

The Claude Harris National Aquacultural Research Center, which is adjacent to the hatchery, was established in 1959 to conduct much of the primary research on the channel catfish. Within the past 2 years the State has assumed, under a memorandum of agreement with the Department of the Interior, the operation of the research center, and its mission will be to continue to improve the efficiency of warm water aquaculture.

Under the terms of this legislation, the State of Alabama has agreed to use these two facilities exclusively for their fish culture program. S. 1883 is supported by the Clinton administration, Governor Fab James, and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to vote for this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. This is the Senate companion to a House bill introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. HILLIARD). It was considered in our Committee on Resources, and employs the standard legislative formula that we have used to transfer hatcheries in the past. In fact, it is almost identical to a bill that was passed

by the House in the last Congress, but it did not become law. It is without controversy, and I urge Members to support it.

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

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further 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 New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1883.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SAXTON. 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 S. 1883, the Senate bill just passed.

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

There was no objection.

#### LAKE CHELAN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1683) to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1683

*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 Fed-

eral 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 Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) 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, S. 1683, introduced by Senator GORTON, was amended by the Senate and is now identical to House Resolution 3520, which was introduced by my colleague, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. DOC HASTINGS). I would like to commend the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for his excellent work to complete this commonsense legislation.

The House passed H.R. 3520 on June 9 by voice vote under suspension of the rules, but because the Senate subsequently passed the Gorton bill, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) has now asked us to approve Senate bill 1683 to expedite its enactment into law.

This legislation will provide relief to a private landowner whose property is within the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, which is managed by the National Park Service and the Wenatchee National Forest. It will transfer lands from the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area to the Wenatchee National Forest to consolidate management of the Federal lands under one agency, and alleviate the natural confusion caused by working with dual jurisdictions.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes and fulfill a long-standing commitment made by the National Park Service to this private landowner, Mr. George Wall. I strongly support this measure. I applaud the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for his hard work to ensure the passage of this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation. It deals with one of the most beautiful areas in our country. My daughter Cathy has a large photo of this lake hanging in her room in our house in Texas as a memory of pleasant time spent at a church camp on the banks of this lake.

This particular piece of legislation is noncontroversial. It was considered in our Committee on Resources. It addresses, as the gentlewoman indicated, the boundaries of the lake. Currently a private landowner is subject to dual jurisdiction by the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. This will resolve that. I appreciate our colleague, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) for bringing this to the attention of the House.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by offering my thanks to the Chairman, Mrs. CHENOWETH, for her assistance with this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support S. 1683, which adjusts the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the Wenatchee National Forest. This is a non-controversial measure that is supported by both the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service. Furthermore, S. 1683 is identical to my bill, H.R. 3520, that passed the House unanimously in June.

Mr. Speaker, this boundary adjustment legislation will consolidate the property of Mr. George Wall within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. Because of a drafting error in the original legislation creating the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area in 1968, a portion of Mr. Wall's property was included in the Area despite assurances that his property would remain entirely within the Wenatchee National Forest. This error has resulted in needless confusion among these agencies and Mr. Wall regarding land use policy in the area.

In a May 1995 letter to Senator SLADE GORTON the Park Service wrote that this boundary adjustment would "contribute to enhancement of public service as well as more efficient administration of federal lands." Not only will this legislation ease an administrative burden on the agencies involved, it will also honor a 30 year old commitment made to Mr. Wall by the federal government.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wall is now in poor health and his family has asked that we complete our consideration of this legislation as quickly as possible. Because this bill is identical to the legislation which passed the House by a voice vote on June 9, 1998, I ask my colleagues to support S. 1683 and avoid further delays in enacting this non-controversial measure.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I have no further 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 gentlewoman from Idaho (Mrs. CHENOWETH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1683.

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