

(c) SEGREGATION FROM ENTRY.—Land acquired by the United States in the exchange under subsection (a) shall be segregated from entry under the mining laws until appropriate land use planning is completed for the land.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1030, a land exchange bill introduced by Senator ENZI of Wyoming.

This bill exchanges 9,480 acres of private land for approximately 20,000 acres of Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. It is an equal-value exchange. Currently, over 17,000 acres of the public land identified for exchange are completely inaccessible to the public because of surrounding private lands. After the exchange, the resulting block of public land will consist of over 18,660 acres, accessible from a paved highway and located very close to Gillette, Wyoming. The land which will be acquired by the BLM is scenic, recreational land, containing timber, rugged topography, and excellent wildlife habitat.

I would note this land exchange involves the transfer of surface interests only; no mineral interests are involved in the exchange. The BLM will reserve all minerals. The amendment adopted by the Senate at the urging of the administration makes clear that while a land-use plan amendment is prepared for the new Federal surface estate to be acquired, the mineral estate beneath it is segregated from the operation of the mining law.

Passage of this legislation will permit the land exchange to go forward. As a result, it will be a lasting benefit to the citizens of Wyoming and the Federal Government. I urge my colleagues to support S. 1030.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1030, introduced by Senator MIKE ENZI of Wyoming, would require certain lands acquired through exchange in Gillette, Wyoming, to be segregated from entry under the mining laws until appropriate land-use planning is completed for the land. This provision is necessary to override existing laws that would otherwise require the land to be opened up to mining 90 days after the completion of this exchange.

The administration is in support of this legislation. We have no problems.

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

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. 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 Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1030.

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.

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CONVEYING CERTAIN LAND IN POWELL, WYOMING

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2069) to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2069

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

SECTION 1. ELIMINATION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE CONDITION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the parcel of land described in subsection (c) was patented to the town (now City) of Powell, Wyoming, by the United States General Land Office on October 17, 1934, to help establish a town near the Shoshone Irrigation Project;

(2) the land was patented with the condition that it be used forever for a public purpose, as required by section 3 of the Act of April 16, 1906 (43 U.S.C. 566);

(3) the land has been used to house the Powell Volunteer Fire Department, which serves the firefighting and rescue needs of a 577 square mile area in northwestern Wyoming;

(4) the land is located at the corner of U.S. Highway 14 and the main street of the business district of the City;

(5) because of the high traffic flow in the area, the location is no longer safe for the public or for the fire department;

(6) in response to population growth in the area and to National Fire Protection Association regulations, the fire department has purchased new firefighting equipment that is much larger than the existing fire hall can accommodate;

(7) accordingly, the fire department must construct a new fire department facility at a new and safe location;

(8) in order to relocate and construct a new facility, the City must sell the land to assist in financing the new fire department facility; and

(9) the Secretary of the Interior concurs that it is in the public interest to eliminate the public purpose condition to enable the land to be sold for that purpose.

(b) ELIMINATION OF CONDITION.—

(1) WAIVER.—The condition stated in section 3 of the Act of April 16, 1906 (43 U.S.C. 566), that land conveyed under that Act be used forever for a public purpose is waived insofar as the condition applies to the land described in subsection (c).

(2) INSTRUMENTS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall execute and cause to be recorded in the appropriate land records any instruments necessary to evidence the waiver made by paragraph (1).

(c) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcel of land described in this subsection is a parcel of land located in Powell, Park County, Wyoming, the legal description of which is as follows:

Lot 23, Block 54, in the original town of Powell, according to the plat recorded in Book 82 of plats, Page 252, according to the

records of the County Clerk and Recorder of Park County, State of Wyoming.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2069, a bill to permit the conveyance of land in which the fire station in Powell, Wyoming, is located. This bill is necessary because the existing patent contains a requirement that does not allow the city to sell this land and use the proceeds to move the volunteer station to a better, safer location.

The current fire estimation is too small to hold the fire department's new equipment and is located at Powell's busiest intersection. This situation has created a safety issue for both people traveling through Powell, and for the fire department when it goes out on calls. On numerous occasions, the fire department has been caught in traffic and was unable to respond quickly to calls.

This land was originally deeded to the Powell township by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1934 with the stipulation that the land be used in perpetuity for public purposes.

Mr. Speaker, S. 2069 will waive this condition of the patent, thereby allowing the land to be sold and proceeds used to purchase a lot in a better location to serve the needs of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We do not know what bill this is. The gentleman has explained it. It is not on the calendar that I can see.

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 Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2069.

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.

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CONVEYING CERTAIN LAND TO PARK COUNTY, WYOMING

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1894) to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1894

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