

forests and restore woodland ecosystems. I urge my colleagues to support passage of this important legislation.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to again urge my colleagues to support this proposed bill.

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

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to thank the gentleman from American Samoa for his leadership, and to add that the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) truly played a major role in the input and construction of this language, and I am grateful to him for his leadership.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LEACH). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2696, 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.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 714) to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 714

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary of the Interior shall convey, without consideration and subject to valid existing rights, to Douglas County, Oregon (referred to in this section as the “County”), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcel described in paragraph (2) for use by the County for recreational purposes.

(2) PARCEL.—The parcel referred to in paragraph (1) is the parcel of land consisting of approximately 68.8 acres under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, as generally depicted on the map entitled “S. 714, Douglas County, Oregon Land Conveyance”, dated May 21, 2003.

(b) PURPOSES OF CONVEYANCE.—The purposes of the conveyance under subsection (a) are to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area by—

(1) improving public safety and reducing traffic congestion along Salmon Harbor Drive (County Road No. 251) in the County;

(2) providing a staging area for off-highway vehicles; and

(3) facilitating policing of unlawful camping and parking along Salmon Harbor Drive and adjacent areas.

(c) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the parcel to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey—

(1) that is satisfactory to the Secretary; and

(2) the cost of which shall be paid by the County.

(d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RENZI. 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. 714, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 714, introduced by Senator RON WYDEN of Oregon, and amended by the Senate, would provide for the conveyance of 69 acres of BLM land in Douglas County, Oregon, to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

Mr. Speaker, the intended effect of transferring this tract of BLM land would be to move recreational traffic off of Salmon Harbor Drive and out of the nearby communities. Currently, OHV users illegally park on Salmon River Drive, creating a public nuisance and safety hazard. The legislation would allow for a staging area for off-highway vehicles and provide improved access to the Oregon Dunes for other visitors, such as hikers and backpackers.

Mr. Speaker, S. 714, as amended, is supported by the administration, has broad bipartisan support from the Oregon delegation, and I urge adoption of the bill.

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, I want to extend my strongest support for this proposed bill, Senate bill 714,

as it was originally introduced by the good Senator from the State of Oregon, Mr. WYDEN.

Mr. Speaker, the transferring of a small parcel of land to Douglas County will resolve a difficult safety issue that has arisen regarding the Oregon Dunes National Recreational Area. The land in question has been identified by the BLM for disposal. The Committee on Resources approved similar legislation during the previous Congress, and now Senate bill 714 passed the Senate by unanimous consent.

I also want to commend the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) for his sponsorship of this bill, which is a companion bill that was introduced as well, and I certainly commend him for his tireless efforts on behalf of this legislation and his commitment to resolving this problem not only for his constituents, but others who want to visit his beautiful area.

I urge my colleagues to support this Senate bill.

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

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

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I thank my colleagues for considering this legislation today and certainly hope that it is successfully passed by the House later this evening.

Mr. Speaker, this is an issue upon which I and other members of the Oregon delegation have been working for a number of years. The issue of Winchester Bay, Salmon Harbor, and the Dunes access, which is an extremely popular OHV area, has been a growing problem because of the growing popularity. This is sort of a bright light on the coast of Oregon where the economy has been lagging and so many other industries are in a depressed state. The tourism and the support this provides for local community and small businesses is very welcome.

What has been happening is that, because of a county campground nearer to the harbor and other camping, a number of people have been driving their OHVs actually on the road to access the nearest point into the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. That causes obviously congestion, conflicts with other vehicles on the road, and in some cases has been very problematic in the community and been a law enforcement problem on some of the big holiday weekends. This could be easily rectified, and hopefully will be today, by transferring this parcel of land.

I visited the parcel in question. It is extraordinarily underutilized at the moment. It is virtually unpoliced because of the cutbacks in BLM law enforcement and Forest Service law enforcement because of the Federal budget. There have been problems there with illegal camping, with the use of

fires in areas that are not contained, and with the dumping of trash. If we are successful in implementing this legislation today, we will see control pass to the county who will properly police it, who will develop it into a regular campsite, and who will provide excellent access for OHV users without having to drive on the public roads. They will be directly adjacent to the Dunes National Recreation Area.

This legislation, as passed by the Senate, is identical to legislation introduced into the House, H.R. 514, by myself and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN). So since this is identical, and I believe it enjoys extraordinary widespread and bipartisan support, as the gentleman from Arizona already pointed out. I would recommend this legislation to my colleagues and urge that everyone vote in its favor so that we can enhance these recreational opportunities and protect the public health and safety and do just a little bit to help the economy of the south coast of Oregon.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his generous grant of time.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to again commend the gentleman from Arizona for his management of this proposed bill, and also thank my good friend, the gentleman from Oregon, for his insights and understanding of the bill and what it will do to benefit the people of Oregon.

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

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional 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 Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 714, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

COMMUNICATION FROM STATE ASSISTANT TO THE HONORABLE C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Vicki Fulton, State Assistant to the Honorable C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 22, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the District Court of the First Judicial District of the State of Idaho.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

VICKI FULTON,
State Assistant,
Congressman C.L. "Butch" Otter.

COMMUNICATION FROM FIELD REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HONORABLE C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Mark Compton, Field Representative of the Honorable C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 22, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the District Court of the First Judicial District of the State of Idaho.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

MARK COMPTON,
Field Representative,
Congressman C.L. "Butch" Otter.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE HONORABLE SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Mark Johnson, Chief of Staff of the Honorable SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 17, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena, issued by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, for the production of documents.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

MARK JOHNSON,
Chief of Staff.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BASS) at 6 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2751, GAO HUMAN CAPITAL REFORM ACT OF 2003

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House H.R. 2751; the bill shall be considered as read for amendment; the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted; all points of order against the bill, as amended, are waived; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on the Speaker's approval of the Journal and motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Approval of the Journal, de novo; H.R. 2707, by the yeas and nays; and S. 714, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote, without objection.

There was no objection.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.