

UNM deeded its lands in Chaco Canyon National Monument to the United States Government in exchange for continued rights to conduct scientific research in the area. Since then, UNM and the National Park Service (NPS) have been partners in researching and reserving the Chaco Canyon collection.

S. 643 is an authorization bill, allowing the NPS to spend money away from Park Service lands for this collection. Specifically, this bill will allow the Park Service to design and construct a museum, storage facility, and workspace in the Hibben Archaeological Research Center on the University of New Mexico campus in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Funding for this project has already been appropriated in the National Park Service Line Item Construction Program 5-year budget, for funding in FY 2006. This project will require no additional or new money from Congress.

Continuing the longstanding relationship with UNM, the shell of the Hibben Center and academic spaces have already been built by UNM with an area unfinished for the Park Service to build out for its Chaco Collection if Congress authorizes it.

Additionally, there will be no ongoing operational costs for the Park Service because UNM has agreed to be responsible for 100 percent of the ongoing utilities, maintenance, and operation costs associated with the project.

Over 5 million artifacts excavated from Chaco Canyon are stored at UNM. Unfortunately, they are currently housed in three substandard facilities that have water pipes that leak on the collection; inadequate or non-existent security and fire protection systems; and no environmental controls. In one instance, the tin roofing was blown off a storage facility exposing artifacts to leaking tar.

A primary component of the project is to create a single storage facility for the artifacts that will provide enhanced security, environmental controls such as proper temperature and humidity levels, and a fire detection and suppression system. In addition to storing the Chaco Canyon collection, the Hibben Center will provide Chacoan descendents, researchers, and students a single location from which to access artifacts, archives, and data collections.

In closing, I would like to thank Chairman POMBO and Subcommittee Chairman RADANOVICH for a their work on this bill and for moving this bill through the House Resources Committee. I urge swift passage of this legislation.

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

Mr. RADANOVICH. 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. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4808, 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.

HIBBEN CENTER ACT

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the

Senate bill (S. 643) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 643

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 "Hibben Center Act".

SEC. 2. LEASE AGREEMENT.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into an agreement with the University of New Mexico to lease space in the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico for research on, and curation of, the archaeological research collections of the National Park Service relating to the Chaco Culture National Historical Park and Aztec Ruins National Monument.

(b) TERM; RENT.—The lease shall provide for a term not exceeding 40 years and a nominal annual lease payment.

(c) IMPROVEMENTS.—The lease shall permit the Secretary to make improvements and install furnishings and fixtures related to the use and curation of the collections.

SEC. 3. GRANT.

Upon execution of the lease, the Secretary may contribute to the University of New Mexico:

(1) up to 37 percent of the cost of construction of the Hibben Center, not to exceed \$1,750,000; and

(2) the cost of improvements, not to exceed \$2,488,000.

SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the University of New Mexico, Federal agencies, and Indian tribes for the curation of and conduct of research on artifacts, and to encourage collaborative management of the Chacoan archaeological artifacts associated with northwestern New Mexico.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH).

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

S. 643, as amended by the Committee on Resources, would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico.

The gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) has authored the House companion bill, H.R. 3258, and we are amending the Senate version to reflect the contents of her bill.

This important project is the latest in a longstanding partnership between

the university and the National Park Service and would significantly benefit the research and curation of the archaeological collections of the National Park Service currently being stored at the university. The gentlewoman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON) should be commended for her tireless work on behalf of her constituents.

I urge adoption of the bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to the consideration of this measure.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 643, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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MANHATTAN PROJECT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK STUDY ACT

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S.1687) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1687

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 "Manhattan Project National Historical Park Study Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STUDY.—The term "study" means the study authorized by section 3(a).

(3) STUDY AREA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "study area" means the historically significant sites associated with the Manhattan Project.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term "study area" includes—

(i) Los Alamos National Laboratory and townsite in the State of New Mexico;

(ii) the Hanford Site in the State of Washington; and

(iii) Oak Ridge Reservation in the State of Tennessee.

SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall conduct a special resource study of the study area to assess the national significance, suitability, and feasibility of designating 1 or more sites within the study area as a unit of