

home to the Nation's first industrial iron sites from the 1730s to the 1920s. The first blast furnace was built in 1762 by Ethan Allen and supplied the iron for the cannons that helped George Washington's army to make other weapons for soldiers of the Revolutionary army. While most of the furnaces, mine sites and charcoal pits have been lost to development and time, the few that remain are in need of refurbishment. The Beckley Furnace in Canaan, Connecticut, was designated an official project by the Millennium Committee to Save America's Treasures and now has been well restored.

The Valley's history as a cultural retreat from the Boston and New York areas provides both past and current riches for the country. Since the 1930s visitors from all over have come to hear the music at Tanglewood, Music Mountain and Norfolk, see the paintings at the Norman Rockwell Museum, watch serious theater at Stockbridge and musical treats at Sharon. Today's local authors draw on a long tradition going back to the 19th century, when Herman Melville, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Edith Wharton lived and wrote here.

The Housatonic Valley is also rich with environmental and recreational treasures. The Housatonic River, just below Falls Village, Connecticut, is one of the prized fly-fishing centers in the Northeast and is enjoyed by fisherman from not only Connecticut and Massachusetts but the entire eastern seaboard. Olympic rowers have trained in this river as children have learned to swim, boat and fish and value its ecosystem. The Upper Housatonic Area, with its remoteness from, but ties to large cities, occupy a special niche in our national culture and I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 938, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts. I am particularly pleased that Title 2 of the bill includes legislation I sponsored in the last Congress and again in this Congress to provide for a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing my home island of St. Croix as a National Heritage Area was also included in this package.

I want to begin by thanking Chairman RICHARD POMBO and Ranking Member NICK RAHALL for their support in including my bill in H.R. 938.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no more fitting place that should be studied for possible designation as a national Heritage Area than my home island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. The island of St. Croix has a long, distinguished, and varied history, including being the site where Christopher Columbus first stepped onto what is now American soil. There is significant interest in preserving and enhancing the natural, historical and cultural resources of the island on a cooperative basis and such a study would provide guidance on how we can best achieve those purposes.

Even though each one of the four major islands of the U.S. Islands Virgin Islands can make a good case for designation as a National Heritage Area, the island of St. Croix with its two historic towns—Christiansted built in 1734 and Frederiksted built in 1752—is richly blessed with all of the attributes that would justify this designation.

The towns historic architecture matured over a 100-year period. The town of Christiansted

is one of the finest examples of Danish architectural designs in this hemisphere. Its history can be traced back some 4,000 years to 2500 B.C. It is also the place where one of our founding fathers and first Treasury Secretary, Alexander Hamilton, lived and worked during his formative years.

In 1493, Columbus arrived at what is now the Salt River National Historic Park and Ecological Preserve, making it the only site under the American flag where his men went ashore, as well as the first recorded hostile encounter between Europeans and Native Americans.

Frederiksted has the distinction of having been the first jurisdiction to have raised its flag in salute of the new Republic of the U.S.A., and indeed the first designed flag was done by a resident of that Island.

Mr. Speaker, I can go on and on about the many unique and significant features of the island of St. Croix, but in the interest of time I would say that this is the third time that we would have passed this bill in the House and sent it to the other body and I hope that the third time will be the charm. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 938.

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 938. Among its provisions, H.R. 938 incorporates bill language from H.R. 1820 which reauthorizes the Illinois and Michigan, I & M, Canal National Heritage Corridor to receive appropriations and transfers management entity status from the now defunct federal, I & M Commission to the non-profit Canal Corridor Association. I would like to commend Chairman POMBO and the House Committee on Resources for their hard work on this important piece of legislation.

The I & M Canal changed the Nation in 1848 when it opened the first shipping route between New York and New Orleans, designating Chicago as the Nation's greatest inland port. While the canal eventually fell into disuse due to new transportation methods and routes, in 1982 business and industry leaders founded the Canal Corridor Association to help revitalize the I & M Canal region, and in doing so, created a national model for regional partnership, conservation and renewal. I am proud to say that the I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor was America's charter National Heritage area, being created by an act of Congress in 1984. For 20 years, the Federal I & M Commission has worked to carry out the mission of the I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor. Its efforts have been particularly successful during the past 5 years that Phyllis Ellin has provided strong leadership as the Executive Director of the Commission.

Since 1984, the I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor has increasingly become an engine of economic growth in communities up and down the length of the Corridor; primarily through an increase in tourism but also in the use of the Corridor for recreational purposes. After consulting with local officials and those most interested and involved in the I & M Canal, it seems that the private sector approach offers more advantages to handle the increased work load brought on by the recent success of the canal and interest in heritage tourism.

As a result, H.R. 938 designates the Canal Corridor Association, CCA, as the new management entity of the I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor. The CCA seeks to enhance economic vitality by raising awareness of and expanding the parks, trails, landscapes, and

historic sites that make the I & M Canal region a special place. They have also successfully implemented education programs and improved the cultural, environmental, historic and tourism resources that the canal offers.

Under the leadership of Ana Koval I am firmly convinced that the CCA, through their governance of the I & M Canal, will continue to successfully educate citizens of the nationally historical importance of the I & M Canal and to play a pivotal role in the continued economic redevelopment of the region.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, having no additional requests for time, I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California). 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. 938, 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.

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 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 627, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 266, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 2107, 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.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 627.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 627, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 390, nays 0, not voting 43, as follows:

[Roll No. 171]

YEAS—390

Abercrombie	Davis (FL)	Hulshof
Aderholt	Davis (KY)	Hunter
Akin	Davis (TN)	Hyde
Alexander	Davis, Jo Ann	Inglis (SC)
Allen	Davis, Tom	Inslee
Andrews	Deal (GA)	Israel
Baca	DeFazio	Issa
Bachus	DeGette	Jackson (IL)
Baird	Delahunt	Jackson-Lee
Baker	DeLauro	(TX)
Baldwin	DeLay	Jefferson
Barrow	Dent	Jenkins
Bartlett (MD)	Dicks	Jindal
Barton (TX)	Dingell	Johnson (CT)
Bass	Doggett	Johnson (IL)
Bean	Doolittle	Johnson, E. B.
Beauprez	Drake	Johnson, Sam
Becerra	Dreier	Jones (NC)
Berkley	Duncan	Jones (OH)
Berman	Edwards	Kaptur
Berry	Ehlers	Keller
Biggert	Emanuel	Kelly
Bilirakis	Emerson	Kennedy (MN)
Bishop (GA)	Engel	Kennedy (RI)
Bishop (NY)	English (PA)	Kildee
Bishop (UT)	Eshoo	Kind
Blackburn	Etheridge	King (IA)
Blumenauer	Evans	King (NY)
Blunt	Everett	Kingston
Boehlert	Farr	Kirk
Boehner	Fattah	Kline
Bonilla	Feeney	Knollenberg
Bonner	Ferguson	Kolbe
Bono	Filner	Kucinich
Boozman	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kuhl (NY)
Boren	Flake	LaHood
Boswell	Foley	Langevin
Boucher	Forbes	Latham
Boustany	Ford	LaTourette
Boyd	Fortenberry	Leach
Bradley (NH)	Fossella	Lee
Brady (PA)	Fox	Levin
Brown (OH)	Frank (MA)	Lewis (CA)
Brown (SC)	Franks (AZ)	Lewis (KY)
Brown-Waite,	Frelinghuysen	Linder
Ginny	Gallely	Lipinski
Burgess	Garrett (NJ)	LoBiondo
Butterfield	Gerlach	Lofgren, Zoe
Buyer	Gibbons	Lowe
Calvert	Gillmor	Lucas
Camp	Gingrey	Lungren, Daniel
Cannon	Gonzalez	E.
Cantor	Goode	Lynch
Capito	Goodlatte	Mack
Capps	Gordon	Maloney
Capuano	Granger	Marchant
Cardin	Green (WI)	Markey
Cardoza	Green, Al	Matheson
Carnahan	Green, Gene	Matsui
Carter	Grijalva	McCarthy
Case	Gutknecht	McCaul (TX)
Castle	Hall	McCollum (MN)
Chabot	Harman	McCotter
Chandler	Harris	McCreery
Chocola	Hart	McDermott
Cleaver	Hastings (FL)	McGovern
Clyburn	Hastings (WA)	McHenry
Coble	Hayes	McHugh
Cole (OK)	Hayworth	McIntyre
Conaway	Hefley	McKeon
Conyers	Hensarling	McKinney
Cooper	Herger	McMorris
Costello	Herseth	McNulty
Cox	Higgins	Meehan
Cramer	Hinche	Meeks (NY)
Crenshaw	Hinojosa	Melancon
Crowley	Hobson	Menendez
Cubin	Hoekstra	Mica
Cuellar	Holt	Michaud
Culberson	Honda	Miller (FL)
Cummings	Hookey	Miller (MI)
Cunningham	Hostettler	Miller (NC)
Davis (CA)	Hoyer	Miller, Gary

Miller, George	Rangel	Snyder
Mollohan	Regula	Sodrel
Moore (KS)	Rehberg	Solis
Moore (WI)	Reichert	Spratt
Moran (KS)	Renzi	Stark
Murphy	Reyes	Stearns
Murtha	Reynolds	Strickland
Musgrave	Rogers (AL)	Stupak
Myrick	Rogers (KY)	Sullivan
Nadler	Rogers (MI)	Tancredo
Napolitano	Rohrabacher	Tanner
Neugebauer	Ross	Tauscher
Ney	Rothman	Taylor (NC)
Northup	Roybal-Allard	Terry
Norwood	Royce	Thomas
Nunes	Ruppersberger	Thompson (CA)
Nussle	Rush	Thompson (MS)
Oberstar	Ryan (OH)	Thornberry
Obey	Ryan (WI)	Tiahrt
Olver	Ryun (KS)	Tiberi
Ortiz	Sabo	Tierney
Osborne	Salazar	Towns
Otter	Sánchez, Linda	Turner
Owens	T.	Udall (CO)
Oxley	Sanchez, Loretta	Udall (NM)
Pallone	Sanders	Upton
Pascarell	Saxton	Van Hollen
Pastor	Schackowsky	Velázquez
Paul	Schiff	Visclosky
Payne	Schwartz (PA)	Walden (OR)
Pearce	Schwarz (MI)	Walsh
Pelosi	Scott (GA)	Wamp
Pence	Scott (VA)	Watson
Peterson (MN)	Sensenbrenner	Watt
Peterson (PA)	Serrano	Waxman
Petri	Sessions	Weiner
Pickering	Shadegg	Weldon (PA)
Pitts	Shaw	Weller
Platts	Shays	Westmoreland
Poe	Sherman	Whitfield
Pombo	Sherwood	Wilson (NM)
Pomeroy	Shimkus	Wilson (SC)
Porter	Shuster	Wolf
Price (GA)	Simmons	Woolsey
Price (NC)	Simpson	Wu
Putnam	Skelton	Wynn
Radanovich	Slaughter	Young (AK)
Rahall	Smith (NJ)	
Ramstad	Smith (TX)	

NOT VOTING—43

Ackerman	Graves	Moran (VA)
Barrett (SC)	Gutierrez	Neal (MA)
Brady (TX)	Holden	Pryce (OH)
Brown, Corrine	Istook	Ros-Lehtinen
Burton (IN)	Kanjorski	Smith (WA)
Carson	Kilpatrick (MI)	Souder
Clay	Lantos	Sweeney
Costa	Larsen (WA)	Taylor (MS)
Davis (AL)	Larson (CT)	Wasserman
Davis (IL)	Lewis (GA)	Schultz
Diaz-Balart, L.	Manzullo	Waters
Diaz-Balart, M.	Marshall	Weldon (FL)
Doyle	Meek (FL)	Wexler
Gilchrest	Millender-	Wicker
Gohmert	McDonald	Young (FL)

□ 1854

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 171, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 266.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 266, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 0, not voting 42, as follows:

[Roll No. 172]

YEAS—391

Abercrombie	Davis (FL)	Hunter
Aderholt	Davis (KY)	Hyde
Akin	Davis (TN)	Inglis (SC)
Alexander	Davis, Jo Ann	Inslee
Allen	Davis, Tom	Israel
Andrews	Deal (GA)	Issa
Baca	DeFazio	Jackson (IL)
Bachus	DeGette	Jackson-Lee
Baird	Delahunt	(TX)
Baker	DeLauro	Jefferson
Baldwin	DeLay	Jenkins
Barrow	Dent	Jindal
Bartlett (MD)	Dicks	Johnson (CT)
Barton (TX)	Dingell	Johnson (IL)
Bass	Doggett	Johnson, E. B.
Bean	Doolittle	Johnson, Sam
Beauprez	Drake	Jones (NC)
Becerra	Dreier	Jones (OH)
Berkley	Duncan	Keller
Berman	Edwards	Kelly
Berry	Ehlers	Kennedy (MN)
Biggert	Emanuel	Kennedy (RI)
Bilirakis	Emerson	Kildee
Bishop (GA)	Engel	Kind
Bishop (NY)	English (PA)	King (IA)
Bishop (UT)	Eshoo	King (NY)
Blackburn	Etheridge	Kingston
Blumenauer	Evans	Kirk
Blunt	Everett	Kline
Boehlert	Farr	Knollenberg
Boehner	Fattah	Kolbe
Bonilla	Feeney	Kucinich
Bonner	Ferguson	Kuhl (NY)
Bono	Filner	LaHood
Boozman	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Langevin
Boren	Flake	Latham
Boswell	Foley	LaTourette
Boucher	Forbes	Leach
Boustany	Ford	Lee
Boyd	Fortenberry	Levin
Bradley (NH)	Fossella	Lewis (CA)
Brady (PA)	Fox	Lewis (KY)
Brown (OH)	Frank (MA)	Linder
Brown (SC)	Franks (AZ)	Lipinski
Brown-Waite,	Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo
Ginny	Gallely	Lofgren, Zoe
Burgess	Garrett (NJ)	Lowe
Butterfield	Gerlach	Lucas
Buyer	Gibbons	Lungren, Daniel
Calvert	Gillmor	E.
Camp	Gingrey	Lynch
Cannon	Gonzalez	Mack
Cantor	Goode	Maloney
Capito	Goodlatte	Marchant
Capps	Gordon	Markey
Capuano	Granger	Matheson
Cardin	Green (WI)	Matsui
Cardoza	Green, Al	McCarthy
Carnahan	Green, Gene	McCaul (TX)
Carter	Grijalva	McCotter
Case	Gutknecht	McCotter
Castle	Hall	McCreery
Chabot	Harman	McDermott
Chandler	Harris	McGovern
Chocola	Hart	McHenry
Cleaver	Hastings (FL)	McHugh
Clyburn	Hastings (WA)	McIntyre
Coble	Hayes	McKeon
Cole (OK)	Hayworth	McKinney
Conaway	Hefley	McMorris
Conyers	Hensarling	McNulty
Cooper	Herger	Meehan
Costa	Herseth	Meeks (NY)
Costello	Higgins	Melancon
Cox	Hinche	Menendez
Cramer	Hinojosa	Mica
Crenshaw	Hobson	Michaud
Crowley	Hoekstra	Miller (FL)
Cubin	Holt	Miller (MI)
Cuellar	Honda	Miller (NC)
Culberson	Hookey	Miller, Gary
Cummings	Hostettler	Miller, George
Cunningham	Cunningham	Mollohan
Davis (CA)	Davis (CA)	Moore (KS)