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Colorado River headwaters and hurt our economy on both sides of the park. In recognition of these potential threats to the quality and character of the area and to protect the enormous number of recreation industry jobs, again, on both sides of the Rocky Mountain National Park, in Estes Park in Larimer County and in Winter Park in Grand County—there has been enormous local support for this locally driven bill, including support from the Grand County Board of Commissioners, the town of Grand Lake, the headwaters Conservation Colorado, and the Rocky Mountain Nature Conservancy.

H.R. 1324 simply responds to the wishes of my constituents, particularly those living in and around the wedge but also those with businesses and who operate in the tourism and construction industries on both sides of the Rocky Mountain National Park, by incorporating it into the Arapaho National Forest boundary and adding the lots owned by the Forest Service into the adjacent Bowen Gulch Protection Area.

This is a strong, bipartisan bill that has the express support of my Colorado colleagues in both Chambers. It was passed through the House Natural Resources Committee by unanimous consent in the 113th Congress, and it was voice voted out of the House shortly thereafter. While the clock ran out on moving this legislation through the Senate in the 113th Congress, I am very confident that we can get that done here in the 114th. Hopefully, the more the merrier. I am grateful for the House Natural Resources Committee’s quick consideration of this bill, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of its passage.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I encourage people’s votes for this great bill from the gentleman from Colorado, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o’clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1324) to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 381, nays 30, not voting 20, as follows:

- YEA—381
  - Young (AK)
  - Zinke
- NOT VOTING—20
  - Crabtree (FL)
  - Zeldin

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) 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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend this evening’s rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 174: H.R. 373—"aye," rollcall No. 175: H.R. 1324—"aye."

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT

(4:00 p.m.) Mr. WO姆ACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.

Mr. WO姆ACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant, a respected businessman, a decorated combat veteran, and a trusted mentor, former Third District of Arkansas Representative John Paul Hammerschmidt, who passed away on April 1 at the age of 92.

John Paul believed that we are all put on Earth to serve others. This principle guided him even from an early age. After graduating from Harrison High School at 15 and spending a year at the Citadel, he forwent West Point and instead joined the Army Air Corps. As a second lieutenant during World War II, he piloted an incredible 217 combat missions and earned multiple medals and decorations.

After the war, he returned to his home in Harrison to run the family lumber business, and he continued his service as a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve until 1960. It was during this time that he also became engaged with local politics, and in 1966 he became the first Republican in 93 years to be elected to serve as an Arkansas Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives.

During his 26-year tenure in Congress, John Paul never spent a single day in the majority; but he let that stand in the way of serving his constituents to the best of his ability. He worked with all colleagues—Democrat and Republican alike—to our State’s benefit and is responsible for bringing the critical transportation infrastructure to our state that enabled its explosive growth.

However, we will truly be remembered for defining the gold standard of