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NEW MEXICO NAVAJO WATER SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 501) to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 501

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 “New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act”.

SEC. 2. NAVAJO WATER SETTLEMENT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 10302 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C. 407 note; Public Law 111–11) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking “Arrellano” and inserting “Arellano”; and

(2) in paragraph (27), by striking “75–185” and inserting “75–184”.

(b) DELIVERY AND USE OF NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT WATER.—Section 10603(c)(2)(A) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1385) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “Article III(c)” and inserting “Articles III(c)”; and

(2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “Article III(c)” and inserting “Articles III(c)”.

(c) PROJECT CONTRACTS.—Section 10604(f)(1) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1391) is amended by inserting “Project” before “water”.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 10609 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1395) is amended—

(1) in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b), by striking “construction or rehabilitation” each place it appears and inserting “planning, design, construction, rehabilitation.”;

(2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “2 percent” and inserting “4 percent”; and

(3) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “4 percent” and inserting “2 percent”.

(e) AGREEMENT.—Section 10701(e) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1400) is amended in paragraphs (2)(A), (2)(B), and (3)(A) by striking “and Contract” each place it appears.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

S. 501, the New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act, makes a number of small changes to a Federal law impacting the Navajo Nation’s water projects in New Mexico.

The bill specifically fixes misspellings, citations, and other errors to help expedite the completion of water infrastructure projects.

I urge my colleagues to support this noncontroversial bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

S. 501 would make technical corrections, as my colleague has stated, to the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project, which was authorized by Congress in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.

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The legislation will help provide a reliable water supply to tribal communities on a faster timeline and promote economic growth in northwestern New Mexico. This legislation has the administration’s support and has already passed the Senate by unanimous consent.

I want to thank my friend and colleague, Congressman BEN RAY LUJAN of New Mexico, the sponsor of the companion legislation here in the House, for all of his hard work and leadership on this critical issue.

I fully support S. 501 and urge its adoption by all Members.

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I also urge all Members to support the bill.

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. McCLINTOCK) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 501.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

YUKON KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION PROPERTY CONVEYANCE

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 230) to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 230

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not later than 180 days, after the date of

enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall convey to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska (referred to in this Act as the “Corporation”), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in section 2 for use in connection with health and social services programs.

(b) EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.—The conveyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deed under this section shall, on the effective date of the conveyance, supersede and render of no future effect any quitclaim deed to the property described in section 2 executed by the Secretary and the Corporation.

(c) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of the property under this Act—

(1) shall be made by warranty deed; and

(2) shall not—

(A) require any consideration from the Corporation for the property;

(B) impose any obligation, term, or condition on the Corporation; or

(C) allow for any reversionary interest of the United States in the property.

SEC. 2. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.

The property, including all land and appurtenances, described in this section is the property included in U.S. Survey No. 4000, Lot 2, T. 8 N., R. 71 W., Seward Meridian, containing 22.98 acres.

SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.

(a) LIABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Corporation shall not be liable for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or other contamination resulting from the disposal, release, or presence of any environmental contamination on any portion of the property described in section 2 on or before the date on which the property is conveyed to the Corporation.

(2) ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.—An environmental contamination described in paragraph (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, hazardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or any other environmental contamination or hazard as defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

(b) EASEMENT.—The Secretary shall be accorded any easement or access to the property conveyed under this Act as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any retained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

(c) NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY AND WARRANTY.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary shall comply with subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 120(h)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)(3)).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

I would first like to acknowledge the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs, for his hard work as the sponsor of the House companion to this bill, H.R. 521.

This bill was favorably reported from the Committee on Natural Resources by unanimous consent in July of this year. The Senate version, S. 230, sponsored by Senator MURKOWSKI, is before us today. This bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to convey by warranty deed a 23-acre parcel of Federal land under the administration of the Indian Health Service and located in Bethel, Alaska, to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation for health and social service-related programs.

The YKHC is a nonprofit Alaska Native organization which operates a regional hospital on the 23 acres of the Federal land conveyed under this bill. In recent years, the hospital has had a need to expand and renovate the existing facilities in this location. To secure funding for the hospital expansion, the YKHC must demonstrate sufficient site control, but because the surrounding land is federally owned, this bill is necessary to provide the health corporation the site control necessary to improve its facilities.

Congress has enacted two similar bills in the last several Congresses and, like those, this bill is supported by the entire Alaska delegation and by the administration.

I again want to commend my colleague from Alaska for his hard work for Alaska Natives, and I urge my colleagues to pass this bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 230, as my colleague has so eloquently stated, will provide for the conveyance of approximately 23 acres to the YKHC, located in Bethel, Alaska, for the purposes of constructing a primary care clinic attached to the existing hospital.

This bill is identical to H.R. 521, introduced by our colleague and my very dear and good friend, Chairman DON YOUNG, which we passed by unanimous consent out of the Committee on Natural Resources. The land transfer is needed so that the YKHC might participate in the Indian Health Service Joint Venture Construction Program.

Access to quality health care is a fundamental part of our trust responsibility to tribal members, and passage of this bill will ensure that the YKHC can meet the current and future needs of its residents.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of S. 230.

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), that legendary force of Alaskan nature.

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I do thank the chairman and I do thank the ranking member for their kind comments.

Much has been said about this fine piece of legislation. As was mentioned, it has passed the House twice. The Senate finally passed out a bill, and now we are dealing with a Senate bill.

As was mentioned, this gives an opportunity for the YKHC, a Native hospital, to expand on Federal lands. By ownership of the land now, there will be no cloud on that title.

I do appreciate the comments. I do appreciate the work that has been put into this. This is a bill that should have been signed into law a lot sooner. It will be done now, and we will be able to expand this hospital for my Alaska Natives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of this legislation.

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, before I yield back for the day, I want to thank my colleague, Chairman McCLINTOCK, for his collegiality today and his leadership in making this a pleasant afternoon and a bipartisan afternoon.

I urge all Members to join me in supporting S. 230.

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would reciprocate those kind words to the gentleman from Michigan; thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for adoption of this measure.

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. McCLINTOCK) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 230.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill 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. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) at 6 o'clock and 31 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. 1214, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1949, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

NATIONAL FOREST SMALL TRACTS ACT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1214) to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, to resolve minor encroachments, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 495]

YEAS—403

Abraham	Carter (GA)	Diaz-Balart
Adams	Carter (TX)	Dingell
Aderholt	Cartwright	Doggett
Aguilar	Castor (FL)	Dold
Allen	Castro (TX)	Donovan
Amash	Chabot	Doyle, Michael
Amodei	Chaffetz	F.
Ashford	Chu, Judy	Duckworth
Babin	Cicilline	Duffy
Barletta	Clark (MA)	Duncan (SC)
Barr	Clarke (NY)	Duncan (TN)
Barton	Clay	Edwards
Bass	Cleaver	Ellison
Beatty	Clyburn	Ellmers (NC)
Becerra	Coffman	Emmer (MN)
Benishek	Cohen	Engel
Bera	Collins (GA)	Eshoo
Bishop (GA)	Collins (NY)	Esty
Bishop (MI)	Comstock	Farenthold
Bishop (UT)	Conaway	Farr
Black	Connolly	Fattah
Blackburn	Conyers	Fitzpatrick
Blum	Cook	Fleischmann
Blumenauer	Cooper	Flores
Bonamici	Costa	Forbes
Bost	Costello (PA)	Fortenberry
Boustany	Courtney	Foster
Brady (PA)	Cramer	Fox
Brady (TX)	Crawford	Frankel (FL)
Brat	Crenshaw	Franks (AZ)
Bridenstine	Crowley	Frelinghuysen
Brooks (AL)	Cuellar	Fudge
Brooks (IN)	Culberson	Gabbard
Brown (FL)	Cummings	Gallego
Brownley (CA)	Curbelo (FL)	Garamendi
Buchanan	Davis (CA)	Garrett
Buck	Davis, Danny	Gibbs
Bucshon	Davis, Rodney	Gibson
Burgess	DeFazio	Gohmert
Bustos	DeGette	Goodlatte
Butterfield	Delaney	Gosar
Byrne	DeLauro	Gowdy
Calvert	DeBene	Graham
Capps	Dent	Granger
Capuano	DeSantis	Graves (GA)
Cárdenas	DeSaulnier	Graves (LA)
Carney	DesJarlais	Graves (MO)
Carson (IN)	Deutch	Green, Al