

credit for his hard work and leadership on this bill.

Mr. Speaker, S. 2977 provides recreational and educational opportunities to the region by assisting in the funding for the design, construction, furnishing, and operation of an interpretive center and museum.

The center and museum will be known as the Western Center for Archeology, and will house an assortment of archeological remains which were excavated during the construction of the reservoir. The Western Center will also be available to provide storage and state-of-the-art curation services for other valuable artifacts that many Federal agencies have been unable to care for in recent years.

This bill also provides funding to share in the cost of the design, construction, and maintenance of a trails system around Diamond Valley Lake and the surrounding areas. The trails will provide nonmotorized recreation for visitors to the area.

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know if this is a very good bill or not, to tell you the truth. There is no Federal connection to this project at all. None of the facilities, the land, are federally owned or operated; and I do not quite know why the Federal Government is spending money here when we have a multibillion dollar backlog in maintenance and construction on our Federal lands and our national parks, and why we would now be spending money on a completely non-Federal project here to construct recreational facilities and design of a visitors center.

I know that the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) and Senator FEINSTEIN support this legislation. I do not know if it is the best idea, but we will let it go at that.

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

Mr. GIBBONS. 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 Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2977.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GIBBONS. 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 the 34 suspensions just passed.

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

There was no objection.

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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 4 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 4 p.m.

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AIRPORT SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2440) to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2440

*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 "Airport Security Improvement Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.

(a) EXPANSION OF FAA ELECTRONIC PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall develop, in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the pilot program for individual criminal history record checks (known as the electronic fingerprint transmission pilot project) into an aviation industry-wide program.

(2) LIMITATION.—The Administrator shall not require any airport, air carrier, or screening company to participate in the program described in subsection (a) if the airport, air carrier, or screening company determines that it would not be cost effective for it to participate in the program and notifies the Administrator of that determination.

(b) APPLICATION OF EXPANDED PROGRAM.—

(1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report describing the status of the Administrator's efforts to utilize the program described in subsection (a).

(2) NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUFFICIENCY OF OPERATION.—If the Administrator determines that the program described in subsection (a) is not sufficiently operational 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act to permit its utilization in accordance with subsection (a), the Administrator shall notify the committees referred to in paragraph (1) of that determination.

(c) CHANGES IN EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 44936(a)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A) by striking " , as the Administrator decides is necessary to ensure air transportation security,";

(2) in subparagraph (D) by striking "as a screener" and inserting "in the position for which the individual applied"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(E) CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR SCREENERS AND OTHERS.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—A criminal history record check shall be conducted for each individual who applies for a position described in subparagraph (A), (B)(i), or (B)(ii).

"(ii) SPECIAL TRANSITION RULE.—During the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this subparagraph, an individual described in clause (i) may be employed in a position described in clause (i)—

"(I) in the first 2 years of such 3-year period, for a period of not to exceed 45 days before a criminal history record check is completed; and

"(II) in the third year of such 3-year period, for a period of not to exceed 30 days before a criminal history record check is completed,

if the request for the check has been submitted to the appropriate Federal agency and the employment investigation has been successfully completed.

"(iii) EMPLOYMENT INVESTIGATION NOT REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK.—An employment investigation shall not be required for an individual who applies for a position described in subparagraph (A), (B)(i), or (B)(ii), if a criminal history record check of the individual is completed before the individual begins employment in such position.

"(iv) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subparagraph shall take effect—

"(I) 30 days after the date of enactment of this subparagraph with respect to individuals applying for a position at an airport that is defined as a Category X airport in the Federal Aviation Administration approved air carrier security programs required under part 108 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations; and

"(II) 3 years after such date of enactment with respect to individuals applying for a position at any other airport that is subject to the requirements of part 107 of such title.

"(F) EXEMPTION.—An employment investigation, including a criminal history record check, shall not be required under this subsection for an individual who is exempted under section 107.31(m) of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this subparagraph."

(d) LIST OF OFFENSES BARRING EMPLOYMENT.—Section 44936(b)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "(or found not guilty by reason of insanity)" after "convicted";

(2) in clause (xi) by inserting "or felony unarmed" after "armed";

(3) by striking "or" at the end of clause (xii);

(4) by redesignating clause (xiii) as clause (xv) and inserting after clause (xii) the following:

"(xiii) a felony involving a threat;

"(xiv) a felony involving—

"(I) willful destruction of property;

"(II) importation or manufacture of a controlled substance;

"(III) burglary;

"(IV) theft;

"(V) dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation;

"(VI) possession or distribution of stolen property;

"(VII) aggravated assault;

"(VIII) bribery; and

"(IX) illegal possession of a controlled substance punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of more than 1 year, or any other crime classified as a felony that the