

Mr. Speaker, the majority has adequately explained this measure and we on this side of the aisle support it as well.

While we are considering the Senate bill today, it should be noted that the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) has worked diligently to move a House companion measure through the legislative process. The gentleman's efforts on behalf of this park unit, and our entire National Park Service, are to be commended.

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

Mr. HANSEN. 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 Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass Senate bill, S. 1175.

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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EXTENDING PERIODS OF AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS FOR UPPER COLORADO AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5099) to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5099

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PROVISIONS.

Public Law 106-392 (114 Stat. 1602) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 2(1) is amended by inserting "and extended by the Extension of the Cooperative Agreement dated December 6, 2001," after "September 29, 1987,".

(2) Section 3(a)(2) is amended by striking "fiscal year 2005" and inserting "fiscal year 2008".

(3) Section 3(a)(3) is amended by striking "fiscal year 2007" and inserting "fiscal year 2008".

(4) Section 3(b) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking "fiscal year 2005" and inserting "fiscal year 2008"; and

(B) in paragraph (2) by striking "fiscal year 2007" and inserting "fiscal year 2008".

(5) Section 3(c)(1) is amended by striking "with" and inserting "within".

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

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

H.R. 5099 amends the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Act of 2000 by extending the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs in the basins to fiscal year 2008.

H.R. 5099 does not increase the total amount authorized to be expended to complete the fish recovery program.

I urge the bill's adoption.

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

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

We in the minority support this bill. It is sponsored by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN), our committee chairman. He has explained it eloquently. He is a true poet, and I cannot add any more to what he had to say.

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

Mr. HANSEN. 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 Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5099.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TUPELO, OKLAHOMA, LAND CONVEYANCE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5109) to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5109

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

SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE, TUPELO, OKLAHOMA.

(a) **CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.**—*Except as required by subsection (d), the Secretary of Energy shall convey, at fair market value, to Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Incorporated, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land, and any improvements thereto, consisting of approximately 6.3 acres of the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma, for use in economic development within the service area of the Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Corporation.*

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL.**—*The exact acreage and description of the parcel to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey that is satisfactory to the Secretary and to Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Incorporated.*

(c) **CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.**—*As conditions of the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary shall require that Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Incorporated—*

(1) agree to honor the terms of any lease of the parcel or portion thereof that is in existence on the date of the conveyance; and

(2) agree to bear the costs of the conveyance, including the cost of the survey required by subsection (b) and the appraisal required by subsection (f).

(d) **EASEMENT.**—*Under the terms of the conveyance of the parcel under subsection (a), the Secretary shall retain an easement to the parcel for the purpose of maintaining a sewage connection to the electrical substation and lagoon facility located adjacent to the parcel. Such easement shall include telephone and telegraph rights.*

(e) **UNDEPRECIATED VALUE.**—*The Southwestern Power Administration is authorized to remove the undepreciated value of the facilities conveyed under subsection (a) from its repayable investment obligation.*

(f) **VALUATION OF LAND TO BE CONVEYED.**—*The fair market value of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by an appraisal acceptable to the Secretary that is conducted by an appraiser agreed upon by the Secretary and Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Incorporated, and conducted in accordance with—*

(1) the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601; Public Law 91-646);

(2) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition; and

(3) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

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

H.R. 5109, authored by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATKINS), authorizes the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Southwestern Power Administration, to convey a 6.3 acre parcel of land in Tupelo, Oklahoma. The conveyance will be at fair market value. The parcel has three buildings on the site: an office building, an open-ended garage, and a storage building. The Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, which currently leases the parcel on a temporary basis, plans to begin incubator businesses utilizing the land and facilities to be transferred.

The bill is noncontroversial and will help bring economic development to one of the poorest counties in the State. I urge its adoption.

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

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

H.R. 5109 is a simple fair market value conveyance of a small parcel of land and facilities in Tupelo, Oklahoma. We have no objection to the bill.

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

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATKINS).

Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. RAHALL), my classmate, by the way, for their action on H.R. 5109.