

of the original legislation and runs entirely contrary to the interest of Bend taxpayers.

The community has always been more than willing to pay fair value for this property, and their goodwill and their tax dollars should not be wasted any longer.

The bill I introduce today resolves the issues that stand in the way of implementation of this simple land sale in a fair manner, directing the sale to move forward expeditiously for \$3.5 million. That figure is arrived at by assuming the \$3 million value of the property on the day the original Act was passed, allowing for inflation per the Forest Service's calculations, and then deducting the value of acreage that the Forest Service has decided not to sell and 15 acres the Forest Service has the ability to transfer to the local school district at no cost.

I look forward to the expeditious resolution to this issue.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill to be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1848

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

**SECTION 1. SALE OF BEND PINE NURSERY ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.**

The Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act (114 Stat. 2512) is amended—

(1) in section 3—  
(A) in subsection (a)—  
(i) by striking paragraph (1);  
(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (7) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), respectively, and adjusting the margins appropriately; and  
(iii) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may” and inserting the following:  
“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary—  
“(1) shall offer to sell to the Bend Metro Park and Recreation District in Deschutes County, Oregon, for consideration in the amount of \$3,505,676, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to approximately 170 acres of the parcel of land identified as Tract A, Bend Pine Nursery, as depicted on the site plan map entitled ‘Bend Pine Nursery Administrative Site, May 13, 1999’; and  
“(2) may”;

(B) by striking subsection (e)(3); and  
(C) by inserting after subsection (f) the following:

“(g) BEND PINE NURSERY ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.—The land conveyed to the Bend Metro Park and Recreation District under section 3(a)(1)—  
“(1) shall be used only for recreation purposes; and  
“(2) may be developed for those purposes.”.

(2) by redesignating section 6 as section 7; and  
(3) by inserting after section 5 the following:

“SEC. 6. CONVEYANCE TO BEND-LA PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
“The Secretary, in accordance with section 202 of the Education Land Grant Act (16 U.S.C. 479a), shall convey to Administrative School District No. 1, Deschutes County, Oregon, for no consideration, 15 acres of land located in the northwest corner of the tract described in section 3(a)(1), to be used for educational purposes.”.

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SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 264—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING VETERANS DAY 2003

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DORGAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States have been vital in maintaining our freedoms and way of life;

Whereas the more than 700,000 brave Americans who have sacrificed their lives while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States have ensured that the Nation, which is founded on the principles of freedom, justice, and democracy, shall endure;

Whereas Armistice Day was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to commemorate the November 11, 1918, armistice between the Allies and the Central Powers that ended the fighting of World War I;

Whereas on June 1, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law the Act proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day (Public Law 83-380);

Whereas on October 8, 1954, in anticipation of the first nationwide observance of Veterans Day in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a presidential proclamation regarding that Veterans Day which states that “[o]n that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain”;

Whereas on November 10, 2003, President George W. Bush issued a presidential proclamation regarding Veterans Day 2003 which states that “[t]oday, our veterans inspire new generations of Americans as we work to defeat terrorism and advance peace. In respect for and recognition of the contributions our service men and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, the Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 of each year shall be set aside as a legal public holiday to honor veterans”;

Whereas in 2003 the Senate is in session on November 11 despite that date being a public holiday to honor veterans; and

Whereas it is proper that the Senate observe the day with appropriate tributes and commemorations even as it conducts the Nation's business: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) that the war dead of the Nation, and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, alive or dead, are to be honored for their contributions and sacrifices to preserve the Nation and the principles of freedom, justice, and democracy that all Americans hold dear; and

(2) that Veterans Day 2003 shall be commemorated with appropriate tributes to all veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States for their contributions and sacrifices, and most especially to those who made the ultimate sacrifice; and

(3) that all Americans shall be encouraged to join the Senate in honoring and paying tribute to veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, both on Veterans Day and throughout the year.

SENATE RESOLUTION 265—RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE FIREFIGHTERS AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO RESPONDED TO THE DEVASTATING OUTBREAK OF WILDFIRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN OCTOBER 2003

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 265

Whereas in late October 2003, southern California experienced multiple simultaneous devastating wildfires that destroyed thousands of homes, took many lives, and burned hundreds of thousands of acres of grasslands and forests, exceeding the devastation of any fires in the past century;

Whereas in the space of a few days, all of the resources of local firefighting companies were called on to man fire lines, first on 1 front and then on many fronts;

Whereas firefighters were thrown into extraordinarily dangerous situations because of the fast-moving, fuel- and wind-driven fires;

Whereas firefighters exhibited resilience and courage by continuing to stay on the lines, often in back-to-back shifts, while knowing, in some instances, that their own families were in danger or that their personal homes had been lost;

Whereas 1 firefighter, Steven Rucker, made the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life;

Whereas the firefighters who were called initially were later assisted by skilled and courageous pilots, who flew water-drop flights in the most challenging wind and smoke conditions, and by firefighters from throughout the State of California and neighboring States;

Whereas additional emergency personnel, including law enforcement and medical personnel, have coordinated with local authorities and firefighters and have performed beyond the call of duty in the preservation and protection of human lives; and

Whereas members of the Armed Forces have once again met their country's call to duty, providing valuable firefighting assets and assistance to the emergency response efforts of California: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and honors all of the firefighters who responded to the devastating outbreak of wildfires in southern California in October 2003;

(2) recognizes and honors all others, including emergency, law enforcement, and medical personnel, pilots, and members of the Armed Forces, for their important contributions to controlling the wildfires and keeping Californians safe; and

(3) commends the firefighters and other personnel for dedicated service to the people of California.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2148. Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. SANTORUM) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1828, to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation