

House Interior Bill Floor Summary:

On Thursday, June 25, 2009, the House convened to consider HR 2996, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill.

The House proceeded with one hour of general debate on H Res 578, the Rule providing for consideration of the Interior Bill (HR 2996). The Rule was adopted by a vote of 238-184.

The House reconvened in the Committee of the Whole House 9 pm for consideration of the bill and amendments. The House proceeded with one hour of general debate, followed by amendments. On Friday, June 26, 2009, the House passed the Bill by a vote of 254-173.

Amendments Adopted:

- An amendment by Mr. Dicks of Washington, to allow non-profit groups to use Federal funds to match OSM acid mine drainage grants; increase funding for Save America's Treasures offset by reducing funding from the NPS Construction account; and increase the allocation for the LWCF Stateside program by \$10 million, offset by a reduction in the Department of the Interior, Working Capital Fund.
The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.
- An amendment by Mr. Garrett of New Jersey, to increase funding for land conservation partnerships authorized by the Highlands Conservation Act by \$2.0 million, offset by a reduction in the EPA Construction by \$2.0 million.
The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.
- An amendment by Mr. Smith of Texas, to allocate \$25 million for the Forest Service's Law Enforcement and Investigations drug enforcement efforts.
The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

Amendments Defeated:

- An amendment by Mr. Heller of Nevada, to prohibit funds made available in the act from being spent to build an interagency fire facility in one specific location in Carson City, Nevada.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (202-225)
- An amendment by Mr. Jordan of Ohio to reduce overall spending in the bill by \$5.75 billion to reflect FY 2008 spending levels.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (169-259)
- An amendment by Mr. Stearns of Florida to decrease funding included in the Act by 38% to reduce spending to the 2009 levels.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (170-261)

- An amendment offered by Mr. Campbell of California for Mr. Flake of Arizona to strike \$1.0 million in funding for the “Restore Good Fellow Lodge, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore” and reduce the overall cost of the bill by \$1.0 million.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (123-305)
- An amendment by Mr. Campbell of California to strike \$150,000 earmark for Traditional Arts in Upstate New York in Canton, New York.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (122-309)
- An amendment offered by Mr. Campbell of California for Mr. Flake of Arizona to strike \$150,000 in funding for the Tarrytown Music Hall Restoration and reduce the overall cost of the bill.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (122-301)
- An amendment offered by Mr. Campbell of California for Mr. Hensarling of Texas to strike the earmark for the Angel Island State Park Immigration Station Hospital Rehabilitation Project.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (131-296)
- An amendment offered by Mr. Campbell of California for Mr. Flake of Arizona to strike the \$150,000 in funding for the Historic Fort Payne Coal and Iron Building Rehabilitation and reduce the overall cost of the bill.
The amendment was defeated by a recorded vote. (114-317)