

That the Senate passed S. 363.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE LEE TERRY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable LEE TERRY, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
House of Representatives, November 7, 2011.
Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally pursuant to rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives that I have been served with a subpoena duces tecum for the production of documents, issued by the District Court of Sarpy County, Nebraska.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

LEE TERRY,
Member of Congress.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 4:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOX) at 4 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

SAM D. HAMILTON NOXUBEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 588) to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 588

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

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION OF THE NOXUBEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, located in the State of Mississippi, is redesignated as the “Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge”.

(b) BOUNDARY REVISION.—Nothing in this Act prevents the Secretary of the Interior from making adjustments to the boundaries of the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge (referred to in this section as the “Refuge”), as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, to carry out the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.) and any other applicable authority.

(c) ADDITION OF LAND.—Nothing in this Act prevents the Secretary of the Interior from adding to the Refuge new land or parcels of the National Wildlife Refuge System, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, to carry out the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.) and any other applicable authority.

(d) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any statute, rule, regulation, executive order, publication, map, paper, or other document of the United States to the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge is deemed to refer to the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Under H.R. 588, the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge in Mississippi will be renamed after the former Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sam Hamilton, who recently died at the young age of 54. It's my understanding, Madam Speaker, that his first outdoors job was at the Noxubee Refuge, where he learned to band wood ducks and manage wildlife habitat.

I want to compliment my friend and colleague from Mississippi, Congressman GREGG HARPER, for introducing this no-cost legislation, which I think is a fitting tribute to Sam Hamilton and all that he stood for.

With that, I urge adoption of the measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. I rise in support of H.R. 588, which would redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

Madam Speaker, it is abundantly clear that everyone who worked with Director Hamilton during his three-plus decades of public service had the utmost respect and admiration for him. His lifelong commitment to conservation and restoration of some of the Nation's most important species and ecosystems started at Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, and so it is fitting that this place is memorialized in his honor.

I commend my colleague, Congressman HARPER from Mississippi, for introducing this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to yield 3 minutes to the author of this legislation, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. HARPER).

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 588, legislation that I introduced to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge. This legislation is a companion bill to S. 266, introduced by Mississippi Senator THAD COCHRAN, which passed the Senate on February 17, 2011. I want to thank Senator COCHRAN for his leadership on this and many other conservation matters.

H.R. 588 honors Mr. Sam D. Hamilton, a lifetime conservationist and a great man who spent 30 years at the Fish and Wildlife Service, ultimately rising to Director in 2009.

Established in 1940, the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge consists of 48,000 acres in east-central Mississippi. Approximately 170,000 people visit the refuge annually and enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor and recreational activities.

Mr. Hamilton had a long and personal history with the refuge. A native of Starkville, Mississippi, he recalled during his confirmation testimony that he caught his first fish at the refuge at the age of 5 and began his conservation career there as an employee at age 15. Sam called the refuge system the “finest collection of public lands and waters dedicated to fish and wildlife conservation in the world.”

Upon graduating from Mississippi State University, Sam started a career that spanned 30 years at the Fish and Wildlife Service. On September 1, 2009, Sam Hamilton was sworn in as the 15th Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Regrettably, Sam passed away on February 20, 2010. Honoring Sam by renaming the refuge would be a tribute to his remarkable career and his commitment to conservation. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation recently provided a grant to the Friends of Noxubee Refuge that will allow the name change to occur without the Federal Government's incurring these costs.

I would also like to thank Chairman HASTINGS and Subcommittee Chairman FLEMING for their support and look forward to working with them to ensure this legislation is signed into law to remember a man who devoted his life and career to the ideals formed during his early days at the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, again I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 588, which is a bill that would rename the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I too urge my colleagues to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 588.

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.

JOHN J. COOK POST OFFICE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2079) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2079

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

SECTION 1. JOHN J. COOK POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, shall be known and designated as the "John J. Cook Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "John J. Cook Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FARENTHOLD. I would like to ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 2079, introduced by the gentlelady from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the John J. Cook Post Office. This bill was introduced in June of this year and was favorably reported out of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on November 3.

John J. Cook served the community of East Rockaway, New York, for more than six decades, working as a letter carrier at the facility to be named after him. Serving his community for 60 years and 4 months, Mr. Cook went above and beyond to serve his neighbors and exemplified professionalism and courtesy each and every day on the job. Mr. Cook delivered mail on the same route for nearly all of his 60 years on the job; and according to many in his community, he continually touched the lives of countless people spanning generations.

According to one East Rockaway resident, he was "the best." He knew all of his customers very well and gave personalized service throughout his career. The resident went on to say that "they don't make people like him anymore."

Sadly, Mr. Cook passed away in 2005 at the age of 78. He left behind his wife, Roberta, and many who will miss this true public servant and model postal employee.

I urge all Members to join me in naming the postal facility in East Rockaway, New York, after John J. Cook; and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

As the ranking member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I'm pleased to join my colleagues in supporting H.R. 2079, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the John J. Cook Post Office.

The measure before us was introduced by Representative CAROLYN MCCARTHY on June 1, 2011. In accordance with committee requirements, H.R. 2079 is cosponsored by all members of the New York delegation. It was reported out of the Oversight Committee by unanimous consent on November 3, 2011.

H.R. 2079 honors John J. Cook, a man who worked for more than 60 years with our Nation's postal service. Mr. Cook began working for what was then the United States Postal Department on January 8, 1944, after returning from service in World War II. From 1948 until his retirement in 2004, he walked the same route 6 days a week, with neither snow nor sleet nor rain preventing him from completing his appointed duties.

Mr. Cook was a fixture of the East Rockaway community, known and be-

loved by all. Even now, 7 years after his retirement, East Rockaway residents fondly recall Mr. Cook's kindness and empathy as a public servant. By all accounts, he went above and beyond the call of duty to serve his neighbors. His professionalism, courtesy, and dedication to the job made him a model letter carrier.

After 60 years and 4 months of faithful service to the United States Postal Service, Mr. Cook passed away in 2005 at the age of 78. Mr. Cook's career is a stunning example of what our dedicated postal workers contribute to our communities. Even as the postal service faces severe financial and operational strains, we must never forget that the service's success depends on the dedication of employees like John Cook.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we pass H.R. 2079 in recognition of Mr. John J. Cook's commitment to his work at the postal service, his compassion for his community, and his service to a grateful Nation. I also ask that we keep the example of his career in mind as we work together to craft what should be a bipartisan piece of legislation, to ensure that the institution Mr. Cook loved so much can continue to serve our Nation.

With that, I urge the passage of H.R. 2079, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, at this point I would like to withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The motion is withdrawn.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALEJANDRO R. RUIZ POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3004) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3004

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

SECTION 1. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALEJANDRO R. RUIZ POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, shall be known and designated as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) each will control 20 minutes.