

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6843.

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.

MAURICE D. HINCHEY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 390) to amend the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333; 54 U.S.C. 320101 note) to include all of Saratoga and Washington Counties in the boundaries of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 390

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 "Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Enhancement Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STATE.—The term "State" means the State of New York.

(3) STUDY AREA.—The term "study area" means Saratoga and Washington Counties in the State.

SEC. 3. HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.

The Secretary, in consultation with State and local historic preservation officers, State and local historical societies, State and local tourism offices, and other appropriate organizations and governmental agencies, shall carry out, in accordance with section 120103(a) of title 54, United States Code, a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating the study area as part of the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area established under the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333; 54 U.S.C. 320101 note).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 390, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

□ 1715

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Representative STEFANIK's bill, the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Enhancement Act. Established in 1996, the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area was among the earliest national heritage areas designated by Congress.

It follows the Hudson River for roughly 150 miles through New York State covering 10 counties, 250 communities, and 107 distinct heritage sites.

These sites reflect the Hudson River Valley's natural, historic, and cultural contributions to the Nation. Many of these sites, for example, have important ties to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and the Underground Railroad.

Recognizing this region's importance to American history, this legislation will direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study assessing the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundaries of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area to include all of Saratoga and Washington Counties.

This change would bring the Federal boundaries of the national heritage area in line with the State's boundaries. Such an expansion could increase opportunities for Saratoga and Washington Counties to attract more tourism and support local economic development without adding to the Federal estate.

I praise Representative STEFANIK for her leadership on this issue and for her work this Congress advocating on behalf of her constituents. The Committee on Natural Resources has passed three pieces of her legislation this year by unanimous consent, no small feat, and each of these bills directly benefit her constituents.

We will all certainly miss Representative STEFANIK next year, but in the meantime, I look forward to working with her to advance this bill in Congress. I support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Enhancement Act introduced by Representative STEFANIK of New York.

This bill would add the remaining portion of Saratoga County and Washington County in New York to the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

First designated in 1996, this heritage area preserves and celebrates the nationally significant, cultural, and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley, including the significance of the location during the American Revolutionary War.

As a Member of this House, Representative Hinchey fiercely advocated for the success and growth of the heritage area throughout his career. His leadership and dedication made such an incredible mark that Congress chose to designate the area in his honor after he tragically passed away in 2017.

This bill is a fitting way to continue the success of the heritage area and honor his legacy. I urge support for this bill. I have no other speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, this is a simple, bipartisan bill that will assess promising opportunities to empower local voices, bolster economic development, and protect cultural resources in a very important region.

Once again, Representative STEFANIK has worked hard to deliver sound policies for her constituents. I urge adoption of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 390, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 3, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 3, 2024, at 1:28 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 3746.

That the Senate passed S. 4305.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7438.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. MURPHY) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

AMERICA'S CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 3791) to reauthorize the America's Conservation Enhancement Act, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 366, nays 21, not voting 45, as follows:

[Roll No. 479]

YEAS—366

Adams	Collins	Gooden (TX)
Aderholt	Comer	Graves (MO)
Aguiar	Connolly	Green (TN)
Alford	Correa	Green, Al (TX)
Allen	Courtney	Griffith
Allred	Craig	Grothman
Amo	Crawford	Guest
Amodei	Crenshaw	Guthrie
Armstrong	Crockett	Harder (CA)
Arrington	Crow	Harshbarger
Auchincloss	Cuellar	Hayes
Babin	D'Esposito	Hern
Bacon	Davids (KS)	Higgins (LA)
Baird	Davidson	Hill
Balderson	Davis (IL)	Himes
Balint	Davis (NC)	Hinson
Banks	De La Cruz	Horsford
Barr	Dean (PA)	Houchin
Beatty	DeGette	Houlahan
Bentz	DeLauro	Hoyer
Bera	DelBene	Hoyle (OR)
Bergman	Deluzio	Hudson
Beyer	DeSaulnier	Huffman
Bice	DesJarlais	Huizenga
Bilirakis	Diaz-Balart	Hunt
Bishop (GA)	Dingell	Issa
Boebert	Doggett	Ivey
Bonamici	Duarte	Jackson (IL)
Bost	Duncan	Jackson (TX)
Boyle (PA)	Dunn (FL)	James
Brown	Edwards	Jayapal
Brownley	Ellzey	Jeffries
Buchanan	Emmer	Johnson (GA)
Buchon	Escobar	Jordan
Budzinski	Eshoo	Joyce (OH)
Burgess	Espallat	Joyce (PA)
Bush	Estes	Kamlager-Dove
Calvert	Ezell	Kaptur
Cammack	Fallon	Kean (NJ)
Caraveo	Feenstra	Kelly (IL)
Carbajal	Ferguson	Kelly (MS)
Cárdenas	Finstad	Kelly (PA)
Carey	Fischbach	Kennedy
Carl	Fitzgerald	Khanna
Carson	Fitzpatrick	Kiggans (VA)
Carter (GA)	Fleischmann	Kildee
Carter (LA)	Flood	Kiley
Cartwright	Fong	Kilmer
Casar	Foster	Kim (CA)
Case	Foushee	Kim (NJ)
Castor (FL)	Fox	Krishnamoorthi
Castro (TX)	Frankel, Lois	Kuster
Chavez-DeRemer	Franklin, Scott	Kustoff
Cherfilus-	Frost	LaHood
McCormick	Fry	LaLota
Chu	Fulcher	LaMalfa
Ciscomani	Garamendi	Landsman
Clark (MA)	Garbarino	Langworthy
Clarke (NY)	Garcia (IL)	Larsen (WA)
Cleaver	Garcia (TX)	Larson (CT)
Cline	Gimenez	Latta
Clyburn	Golden (ME)	Lawler
Clyde	Goldman (NY)	Lee (CA)
Cohen	Gonzales, Tony	Lee (FL)
Cole	Gonzalez, V.	Lee (NV)

Lee (PA)	Omar	Stanton
Lee Carter	Owens	Staubert
Levin	Pallone	Steel
Lieu	Palmer	Stefanik
Lofgren	Panetta	Steil
Lopez	Pappas	Stevens
Loudermilk	Pelosi	Strickland
Luttrell	Peltola	Strong
Mace	Pence	Suozzi
Magaziner	Perez	Swalwell
Malliotakis	Peters	Sykes
Maloy	Pettersen	Takano
Mann	Pfluger	Tenney
Manning	Phillips	Thanedar
Matsui	Pingree	Thompson (CA)
McBath	Pocan	Thompson (MS)
McCaul	Posey	Thompson (PA)
McClain	Pressley	Tiffany
McClellan	Quigley	Timmons
McCollum	Ramirez	Titus
McCormick	Raskin	Tlaib
McGarvey	Reschenthaler	Tokuda
McGovern	Rodgers (WA)	Tonko
McHenry	Rogers (AL)	Torres (CA)
McIver	Rose	Trahan
Meeks	Ross	Turner
Menendez	Rouzer	Underwood
Meng	Ruiz	Valadao
Meuser	Rulli	Van Drew
Mfume	Ruppersberger	Van Dwyne
Miller (IL)	Rutherford	Van Orden
Miller (OH)	Ryan	Vargas
Miller (WV)	Salinas	Vasquez
Miller-Meeks	Sanchez	Veasey
Mills	Sarbanes	Velazquez
Mollinaro	Scalise	Wagner
Moolenaar	Scanlon	Walberg
Mooney	Schakowsky	Wasserman
Moore (UT)	Schiff	Schultz
Moore (WI)	Schneider	Waters
Moran	Scholten	Watson Coleman
Morelle	Schrier	Weber (TX)
Moskowitz	Schweikert	Webster (FL)
Moulton	Scott (VA)	Wenstrup
Mrvan	Scott, Austin	Westerman
Mullin	Scott, David	Wexton
Murphy	Sessions	Wied
Nadler	Sewell	Wild
Napolitano	Sherman	Williams (GA)
Neal	Sherrill	Williams (NY)
Neguse	Smith (MO)	Williams (TX)
Nehls	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (FL)
Newhouse	Smith (WA)	Wilson (SC)
Nickel	Smucker	Wittman
Norcross	Sorensen	Womack
Nunn (IA)	Soto	Yakym
Oberholte	Spanberger	Zinke
Ocasio-Cortez	Stansbury	

NAYS—21

Bean (FL)	Donalds	Norman
Biggs	Good (VA)	Ogles
Brecheen	Gosar	Perry
Burchett	Greene (GA)	Rosendale
Burlison	Hageman	Roy
Cloud	Massie	Self
Crane	McClintock	Steube

NOT VOTING—45

Barragán	Gottheimer	Luetkemeyer
Bishop (NC)	Granger	Luna
Blumenauer	Graves (LA)	Lynch
Blunt Rochester	Grijalva	Mast
Bowman	Harris	Moore (AL)
Carter (TX)	Jackson (NC)	Porter
Casten	Jacobs	Rogers (KY)
Costa	Johnson (SD)	Salazar
Curtis	Keating	Simpson
Evans	Lamborn	Slotkin
Fletcher	LaTurner	Smith (NE)
Gallego	Leger Fernandez	Spartz
Garcia, Mike	Lesko	Torres (NY)
Garcia, Robert	Letlow	Trone
Gomez	Lucas	Waltz

□ 1900

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote 479. Had I been present, I would

have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 479.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 479.

Stated against:

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 479, I mistakenly voted YEA when I intended to vote NAY.

HONORING OMER NEUTRA

(Mr. LAWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, we New Yorkers rise with a heavy heart to honor the memory of Omer Neutra, a 21-year-old from Plainview, New York.

A grandson of Holocaust survivors, Omer deferred his enrollment at SUNY Binghamton to serve in the Israeli Defense Forces, driven by a profound sense of duty and a dream of building peace in the Middle East.

On October 7, 2023, Omer, serving as a tank commander, was among the first to respond to Hamas' brutal attack, risking his life to protect others. Tragically, as we learned this weekend, his life was taken during this horrific massacre.

Omer's loss is deeply felt by the entire community in New York and across America. Flags across our State have been flown at half-staff in his honor, and we all join together in mourning a young man of extraordinary courage and conviction.

Our deepest condolences are with his parents, Orna and Ronen; his brother, Daniel; and their entire family.

For the past 423 days, driven by the love of their son, Orna and Ronen have endured something that no parent should ever have to endure. With strength, courage, resolve, and hope, they traveled the world, petitioned world leaders, visited Washington dozens of times, and fought tirelessly to bring their son home.

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to speak with Orna and Ronen and offered my profound sorrow for their loss and that of our country. I told them how much I admire, respect, and love them, for they never stopped fighting, and I promised them we would never stop fighting to bring Omer's body home and get them the justice they deserve.

We will bring them home. May Omer's memory always be a blessing, and may we never forget his sacrifice in the pursuit of peace and in the defense of democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK), the esteemed House Republican chair and future U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, October 7 marked one of the darkest days in history, the bloodiest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust.

Iranian-backed Hamas committed unspeakable atrocities against humanity, savagely murdering 1,200 innocent