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H. R. 3224

To direct the Forest Service to replace the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPLACEMENT OF MODULAR AIRBORNE FIRE**

4 **FIGHTING SYSTEM.**

5 The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
6 Chief of the Forest Service, shall acquire, with funds made
7 available under section 2, 12 units to replace the Modular
8 Airborne Fire Fighting System. Each unit shall—

1 (1) be designed for roll-on, roll-off use with C-
2 130 aircraft without modification of the aircraft;
3 and

4 (2) meet the criteria established by the Inter-
5 agency Airtanker Board for airtankers used by the
6 Forest Service to fight forest fires.

7 **SEC. 2. SALE OF HELIUM RESERVE TO PAY FOR ACQUISITION OF MODULAR AIRBORNE FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM.**

10 (a) REPEAL.—The Helium Act (50 U.S.C. 161 et
11 seq.) is repealed.

12 (b) SALE OF PROPERTY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall sell or otherwise dispose of, at the best possible
13 terms available to the United States, all facilities, equipment, and other real or personal property, or rights there-
14 to, held by the United States in connection with activities
15 carried out under the Helium Act, unless such facilities,
16 equipment, or other real or personal property, or rights
17 thereto, are required for other Federal purposes.

20 (c) SALE OF HELIUM RESERVE.—The Secretary of
21 the Interior shall sell or otherwise dispose of, at the best
22 possible terms available to the United States, all helium
23 reserves held by the United States other than amounts
24 required for the specific immediate needs of the Federal
25 Government. Such sale shall be conducted in a manner

1 consistent with the orderly conduct of commercial helium
2 markets.

3 (d) USE OF PROCEEDS FROM SALES.—All funds re-
4 ceived pursuant to subsections (b) and (c), and all
5 amounts remaining in the helium production fund estab-
6 lished under section 6(f) of the Helium Act, shall be con-
7 sidered full repayment of loans made under section 12 of
8 the Helium Act. Such funds shall be transferred to the
9 Secretary of Agriculture for the acquisition of the units
10 to replace the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System
11 under section 1. Any funds not used for such acquisition
12 shall be applied solely to the retirement of outstanding
13 United States Government debt, and may not be obligated
14 or expended for any other purpose, notwithstanding any
15 other provision of law that does not specifically reference
16 this section.

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