

LAND CONVEYANCE, RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

OCTOBER 27, 1999.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 278]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (S. 278) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

S. 278 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

S. 278 directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey land known as the “Old Coyote Administrative Site,” a former U.S. Forest Service administration site, to the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico. This site includes one Forest Service tract of 130.27 acres, and another tract of 276.76 acres owned by the Bureau of Land Management. Vacated in 1993 when the Forest Service moved to its present location, the site contains numerous buildings. These include a modular office constructed in 1974, two residences constructed in 1958, and eight other buildings.

This legislation is patterned after Public Law 103-132, which directed the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer the Old Taos Ranger District Station to the town of Taos, New Mexico. As with the Taos Station, the Coyote Station will continue to be used for public purposes, including a community center and a fire sub-station. Some buildings will also be available for the county to use for storage

and repair of road maintenance equipment and other county vehicles.

The land conveyance will be consistent with the pricing program under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (the Act of June 14, 1926, 43 U.S.C. 689). The land must be used for public purposes and will revert back to the federal government if not so used.

COMMITTEE ACTION

S. 278 was introduced on January 21, 1999, by Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM). On March 25, 1999, the Senate passed the bill without amendment by unanimous consent. The bill was then referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On October 6, 1999, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. S. 278 was discharged from the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered. The bill was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8, and Article IV, section 3, of the Constitution of the United States grant Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in tax expenditures. According to the Congressional Budget Office, enactment of this bill would increase offsetting receipts and thus affect direct spending, but the receipts would total less than \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000.

3. Government Reform Oversight Findings. Under clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on this bill.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and

section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 13, 1999.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 278, an act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Victoria Heid Hall.

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON,
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

S. 278—An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico

S. 278 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey about 407 acres of federal land to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico, to be used for public purposes. CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the county would pay for this land, S. 278 would affect direct spending by increasing offsetting receipts. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, CBO estimates that the payment would total less than \$5,000 in fiscal year 2000.

S. 278 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Purchase of this land would be voluntary on the part of the county.

On March 10, 1999, CBO prepared a cost estimate for S. 278 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 4, 1999. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Victoria Heid Hall. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.

