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SPEAKER: MR. BUMPERS

TEXT: [*S2876]

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BUMPERS submitted four amendments intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 3564 proposed by Mr. Murkowski to the bill H.R. 1296, *supra*; as follows:

Amendment No. 3580

Strike subsection 2008(a) of the substitute and insert the following:

"(a) Release. -Except for the areas retained in **wilderness** study status pursuant to subsection (b), the Congress hereby finds and directs that all public lands in Utah administered by the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 which have not been designated as **wilderness** by this title or previous Acts of Congress, have been adequately studied for **wilderness** designation pursuant to section 603 of such Act and are no longer subject to the requirements of section 603(c) of such Act pertaining to the management of **wilderness** study areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as **wilderness**."

Amendment No. 3581

Strike subsection 2002(i) of the substitute and insert the following:

"(i) Access. -Reasonable access, including the use of motorized equipment where necessary and customarily or historically employed, shall be allowed on routes within the areas designated **wilderness** by this title in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act for the exercise of valid existing rights. Such routes may be maintained, repaired, and replaced to the extent necessary to maintain their present function, design, and serviceable operation, so long as such activities have no increased adverse impacts on the resources and values of the **wilderness** areas than existed as of the date of enactment of this title."

Amendment no. 3582

On page 152, line 12 of the substitute, delete "Title." and insert in lieu thereof, "title, so long as such activities have no increased adverse impacts on the resources and values of

the **wilderness** areas than existed as of the date of enactment of this title."

Amendment No. 3583

Strike Section 2008 of the Murkowski substitute and insert the following:

"SECTION 2008. **WILDERNESS** RELEASE.

"(a) Release. -Except for the areas identified in subsection (b), the Congress hereby finds and directs that all public lands in Utah, administered by the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), which have not been designated as **wilderness** by this Act or previous Acts of Congress, have been adequately studied for **wilderness** designation pursuant to section 603 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1782) and are no longer subject to the requirement of section 603(c) of FLPMA pertaining to the management of **wilderness** study areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as **wilderness**. Such lands shall be managed in accordance with FLPMA and land management plans prepared pursuant thereto.

"(b) Continuing **Wilderness** Study Areas.- The following **wilderness** study areas which are under study status by States adjacent to the State of Utah shall continue to be subject to the provisions of section 603(c) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)):

(1) Bull Canyon (UT-080-419/CO-010-001);

(2) Wrigley Mesa/Jones Canyon/Black Ridge Canyon West (UT-060-116/UT-060-117/CO-070-113A);

(3) Squaw/Papoose Canyon (UT-060-227/CO-030-265A); and

(4) Cross Canyon (UT-060-229/CO-030-265).

"(c) Further Designations.- Public lands in the State of Utah which are not designated as **wilderness** by this or previous Acts of Congress or retained in **wilderness** study status by this Act shall not be managed solely for the purpose of protecting their status for potential inclusion in the National **Wilderness** Preservation System: That this subsection shall not be construed to preclude the Secretary from managing public lands in the State of Utah (in accordance with FLPMA and applicable land use plans) for the purpose of protecting their natural, scenic, wildlife, riparian, primitive or recreational values, even if such management would protect an area's **wilderness** characteristics."