



H.R. 6176 – To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6176 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX) on June 4, 2008. The Committee on Natural Resources ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by unanimous consent on July 16, 2008.

H.R. 6176 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 6176 authorizes the Secretary of Interior to acquire from willing sellers land comprising approximately 55 acres, as depicted on the map titled 'Fort Davis Proposed Boundary Expansion'. Upon acquisition of the land, these acres will be incorporated into the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Texas.

BACKGROUND

The Fort Davis National Historic Site in west Texas was authorized by Congress in 1971. The fort is named for former Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, and was operational from 1854-1891. Fort Davis was strategically located to protect emigrants, mail coaches, and freight wagons on the Trans-Pecos portion of the San Antonio-El Paso Road and on the Chihuahua Trail.

The purpose of the proposed expansion is to protect the rural backdrop behind portions of the fort in order to preserve the view of the fort as it appeared in the nineteenth century. Fort Davis is administered by the National Park Service, a component of the Department of Interior.

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COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that implementing H.R. 6176 "would cost about \$1 million over the next two years." [Full CBO Cost Estimate](#)

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