



H.R. 831 – COFFMAN COVE ADMINISTRATIVE SITE CONVEYANCE ACT

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 831 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 Don Young (R-AK) on February 5, 2007. The House Committee on Natural Resources agreed to the bill, as amended, by voice vote on April 2, 2008.

H.R. 831 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 831 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, a specified 12 acre parcel of National Forest System land located within the city. Additionally, the bill includes a stipulation that if Coffman Cove subsequently sells any portion of the lands conveyed by H.R. 831, the sale price must be for the determined fair market value, which Coffman Cove must then pay to the Secretary of Agriculture.

BACKGROUND

Coffman Cove is a city of approximately 150 people located on the northeastern coast of Prince of Whales Island. The 12 acre parcel of land being conveyed is located in the middle of Coffman Cove, and is no longer needed by the U.S. Forest Service due to its declining timber harvests. The land is intended to help Coffman Cove develop an economic base by creating access to a port facility.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office “estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget.”

[CBO cost estimate for H.R. 831](#)

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