

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN
PARCELS OF LAND TO THE TOWN OF ALTA, UTAH

APRIL 16, 2012.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Natural
Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 684]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (S. 684) to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of S. 684 is to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Alta, Utah, is a small ski town that operates most of its municipal infrastructure on National Forest System land under a variety of special-use permits. S. 684 would convey the federal land—a maximum of two acres—under three municipal buildings to Alta to provide for greater certainty and flexibility in the maintenance and use of those buildings under the purposes specified in their current special-use permits.

COMMITTEE ACTION

S. 684 was introduced on March 30, 2011, by Senator Mike Lee (R-UT). On November 2, 2011, the bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent. The bill was then referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. On De-

cember 2, 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On February 29, 2012, the Full Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands was discharged by unanimous consent. Congressman Raúl Grijalva (D–AZ) offered amendment designated .AM1 to the bill; the amendment was not adopted by voice vote. Congressman Grijalva offered amendment designated .AM2 to the bill; the amendment was not adopted by a roll call vote of 19 to 25, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
112th Congress

Date: February 29, 2012

Recorded Vote #: 8

Meeting on / Amendment: **S. 684** – An amendment offered by Mr. Grijalva.AM2 was NOT AGREED TO by a roll call vote of 19 yeas and 25 nays.

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Hastings, WA Chairman		X		<i>Mr. Heinrich, NM</i>			
<i>Mr. Markey, MA Ranking</i>	X			Mr. Benishek, MI		X	
Mr. Young, AK				<i>Mr. Lujan, NM</i>	X		
<i>Mr. Kildee, MI</i>				Mr. Rivera, FL		X	
Mr. Duncan of TN		X		<i>Mr. Sarbanes, MD</i>	X		
<i>Mr. Defazio, OR</i>	X			Mr. Duncan of SC		X	
Mr. Gohmert, TX				<i>Ms. Sutton, OH</i>	X		
<i>Mr. Faleomavaega, AS</i>	X			Mr. Tipton, CO		X	
Mr. Bishop, UT		X		<i>Ms. Tsongas, MA</i>	X		
<i>Mr. Pallone, NJ</i>	X			Mr. Gosar, AZ		X	
Mr. Lamborn, CO		X		<i>Mr. Pierluisi, PR</i>	X		
<i>Mrs. Napolitano, CA</i>	X			Mr. Labrador, ID		X	
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		<i>Mr. Garamendi, CA</i>	X		
<i>Mr. Holt, NJ</i>	X			Ms. Noem, SD		X	
Mr. Broun, GA		X		<i>Ms. Hanabusa, HI</i>	X		
<i>Mr. Grijalva, AZ</i>	X			Mr. Southerland, FL		X	
Mr. Fleming, LA		X		<i>Mr. Tonko, NY</i>	X		
<i>Ms. Bordallo, GU</i>	X			Mr. Flores, TX		X	
Mr. Coffman, CO		X		Mr. Harris, MD		X	
<i>Mr. Costa, CA</i>	X			Mr. Landry, LA		X	
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Mr. Runyan, NJ		X	
<i>Mr. Boren, OK</i>	X			Mr. Johnson, OH		X	
Mr. Thompson, PA		X		Mr. Amodei, NV		X	
<i>Mr. Sablan, CNMI</i>	X						
Mr. Denham, CA		X					
				TOTALS	19	25	

Congressman Grijalva offered amendment designated .AM3 to the bill; the amendment was withdrawn. 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 Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(1) 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)(2)(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. 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:

S. 684—An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah

S. 684 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without consideration, certain lands in Utah to the town of Alta. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. CBO expects that enacting the legislation would increase direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. We estimate, however, that such effects would be negligible. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

Under current law, the Forest Service receives payments totaling less than \$20,000 per year for easements on the affected lands. Under S. 684, those lands would be conveyed to Alta, Utah. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) by less than \$200,000 over the 2012–2022 period. Because the act would require the town to pay the administrative costs associated with the land conveyance, CBO estimates that implementing S. 684 would not have a significant impact on spending subject to appropriation.

S. 684 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.

On July 27, 2011, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 684, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 14, 2011. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. Section 308(a) of 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 revenues or tax expenditures. Under current law, the Forest Service receives payments totaling less than \$20,000 per year for easements on the affected lands. Under S. 684, those lands would be conveyed to Alta, Utah. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) by less than \$200,000 over the 2012–2022 period. Because the act would require the town to pay the administrative costs associated with the land conveyance, CBO estimates that implementing S. 684 would not have a significant impact on spending subject to appropriation.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104–4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates as defined under Public Law 104–4.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

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

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

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

