

I voted Yes on H.R. 1904, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act. The bill would authorize a land exchange in Arizona to open up the third largest copper resource in the world. This project would support almost 4,000 American jobs and is expected to generate close to \$20 billion in new government revenue. The Defense Department ranks copper as the second most important metal for defense industrial applications.

The bill ensures proper compensation to the government for the federal lands being exchanged. The bill would also add thousands of acres of new lands into the National Forest System and National Conservation Areas. I am confident this bill properly respects the necessary balance between resource conservation and economic development. Overall, I supported H.R. 1904 because it would create jobs in the United States, increase American copper production, and lead to greater national security.