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To amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965; and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 1 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. JOHNSTON (for himself and Mr. BUMPERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965; and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Land and Water Con-
5 servation Fund Emergency Funding Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY FUNDING.**

7 Title I of the Land and Water Conservation Fund
8 Act of 1965, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 4601-4 through
9 4601-11) is further amended by adding the following new
10 section at the end thereof:

1 “EMERGENCY FUNDING.

2 “SEC. 13. (a) For the purpose of reducing the signifi-
3 cant backlog of unacquired lands within the authorized
4 boundaries of units of the national park, wildlife refuge,
5 wilderness, wild and scenic river, trail, and forest systems,
6 and providing critically needed funding to the States for
7 the purposes of section 6 of this Act, the Secretary of the
8 Treasury shall make available, in each of fiscal years
9 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998, without further ap-
10 propriation and notwithstanding any other provision of
11 this Act, to the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter re-
12 ferred to as the “Secretary”) and the Secretary of Agri-
13 culture, the sum of \$1,000,000,000, which amount shall
14 be deducted from the authorized but unappropriated bal-
15 ance of the fund, to be expended solely in accordance with
16 the provisions of this section.

17 “(b) From the funds made available in each fiscal
18 year pursuant to subsection (a)—

19 “(1) \$200,000,000 shall be utilized by the Sec-
20 retary for state purposes as provided in section 6 of
21 this Act;

22 “(2) \$600,000,000 shall be utilized by the Sec-
23 retary for federal purposes as provided in section 7
24 of this Act; and

1 “(3) \$200,000,000 shall be utilized by the Sec-
2 retary of Agriculture for federal purposes as pro-
3 vided in section 7 of this Act.

4 “(c)(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of en-
5 actment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Emer-
6 gency Funding Act of 1993, and thereafter as part of the
7 Department’s annual budget submission to the Congress
8 for fiscal years 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998, the Secretary
9 (for National Park Service, United States Fish and Wild-
10 life Service, and Bureau of Land Management land acqui-
11 sition projects) and the Secretary of Agriculture (for For-
12 est Service land acquisition projects) shall transmit to the
13 Committees on Appropriations of the United States Sen-
14 ate and United States House of Representatives lists, in
15 descending order of priority, of land acquisition projects
16 within each agency or bureau, which have been authorized
17 by law (hereinafter in this section referred to as “priority
18 lists”).

19 “(2) Such priority lists shall be prepared in consulta-
20 tion with the head of the affected bureau or agency, taking
21 into account the best professional judgment regarding the
22 land acquisition priorities and policies of each bureau or
23 agency. In preparing such priority lists, the Secretaries
24 shall consider—

1 “(A) the availability of land appraisal and other
2 information necessary to complete the acquisition in
3 a timely manner;

4 “(B) the potential adverse impacts which might
5 result if the acquisition is not undertaken; and

6 “(C) such other factors as the Secretaries deem
7 appropriate.

8 “(3) The Secretary shall, when preparing such
9 priority lists, ensure that the National Park Service,
10 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the
11 Bureau of Land Management receive a fair and eq-
12 uitable share of the funds allocated pursuant to sub-
13 section (b)(2), consistent with the land acquisition
14 needs of each bureau and the historical patterns of
15 distribution from the fund to each bureau: *Provided,*
16 That no bureau shall be allocated more than 50 per
17 centum of the funds made available pursuant to sub-
18 section (b)(2) nor shall any bureau be allocated less
19 than 10 per centum of the funds made available pur-
20 suant to subsection (b)(2).

21 “(d) Funds made available pursuant to paragraphs
22 (b) (2) and (3) shall be allocated to projects in accordance
23 with the priority lists transmitted pursuant to this section
24 unless such priority lists are modified by law.

1 “(e) No funds shall be made available for the pur-
2 poses of this section until after the enactment of the Ap-
3 propriations Act for the Department of the Interior and
4 Related Agencies for the appropriate fiscal year.”.

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