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To facilitate improved management of National Park Service lands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

To facilitate improved management of National Park Service
lands.

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

3 **TITLE I—MINOR BOUNDARY REVISIONS**

4 Section 7(c) of the Land and Water Conservation
5 Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–9(c)) is amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence by striking “Committee
7 on Interior and Insular Affairs” and inserting
8 “Committee on Resources”; and

9 (2) by striking “area: PROVIDED, HOWEVER,”
10 and all that follows through “1965;” and inserting
11 the following: “area, except that, in all cases except

1 the case of technical boundary revisions (resulting
2 from such causes as survey error or changed road
3 alignments), the authority of the Secretary under
4 this clause (i) shall apply only if each of the follow-
5 ing conditions is met—

6 (I) the sum of the total acreage of lands,
7 waters, and interests therein to be added to the
8 area and the total such acreage to be deleted
9 from the area is not more than 5 percent of the
10 total Federal acreage authorized to be included
11 in the area and is less than 200 acres in size;

12 (II) the acquisition, if any, is not a major
13 Federal action significantly affecting the quality
14 of the human environment, as determined by
15 the Secretary;

16 (III) the sum of the total appraised value
17 of the lands, waters, and interest therein to be
18 added to the area and the total appraised value
19 of the lands, waters, and interests therein to be
20 deleted from the area does not exceed
21 \$500,000;

22 (IV) the proposed boundary revision is not
23 an element of a more comprehensive boundary
24 modification proposal; and

1 (V) the Director of the National Park
2 Service obtains written support for the bound-
3 ary modification from all property owners
4 whose lands, water, or interests therein, or a
5 portion of whose lands, water, or interests
6 therein, will be added to or deleted from the
7 area by the boundary modification: *Provided,*
8 *however,* that minor boundary revisions involv-
9 ing only deletions of acreage from an area of
10 the national parks system may be made only by
11 Act of Congress.

12 **TITLE II—AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN**
13 **PARK FACILITIES TO BE LOCATED**
14 **OUTSIDE OF UNITS OF THE NATIONAL**
15 **PARK SYSTEM**

16 Section 4 of the Act entitled “An Act to improve the
17 administration of the national park system by the Sec-
18 retary of the Interior, and to clarify the authorities appli-
19 cable to the system, and for other purposes” approved Au-
20 gust 18, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 1a-1 et seq.), is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 “SEC. 4. (a) In order to facilitate the administration
23 of the national park system, the Secretary of the Interior
24 is authorized, under such terms and conditions as he may
25 deem advisable, to establish essential facilities for park ad-

1 ministration, visitor use, and park employee residential
2 housing outside the boundaries, but within the vicinity, of
3 units of the national park system for purposes of assuring
4 conservation, visitor use, and proper management of such
5 units. Such facilities and the use thereof shall be in con-
6 formity with approved plans for the unit concerned. Such
7 facilities may only be developed by the Secretary upon
8 finding that location of such facilities would—

9 “(1) avoid undue degradation of the primary
10 natural or cultural resources within the unit;

11 “(2) enhance service to the public; or

12 “(3) provide a cost saving to the Federal Gov-
13 ernment.

14 “(b) For the purpose of establishing facilities under
15 subsection (a):

16 “(1) The Secretary may enter into agreements
17 permitting the Secretary to use such Federal lands
18 as the head of a Federal agency having primary au-
19 thority over the administration of such land and the
20 Secretary determine is suitable for such use.

21 “(2) The Secretary, under such terms and con-
22 ditions as the Secretary determines are reasonable,
23 may lease or acquire (from willing sellers only) by
24 purchase or donation, real property (other than Fed-
25 eral land), for purposes as specified in this section.

1 “(3) For real property acquired pursuant to
2 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall establish written
3 guidelines setting forth criteria to be used in deter-
4 mining whether the acquisition would—

5 “(A) reflect unfavorably upon the ability of
6 the Department or any employee to carry out
7 its responsibilities or official duties in a fair and
8 objective manner; or

9 “(B) would compromise the integrity or
10 the appearance of the integrity of the Depart-
11 ment’s programs or any official involved in
12 those programs.

13 “(4) The Secretary may construct, operate, and
14 maintain such permanent and temporary buildings
15 and facilities as the Secretary deems appropriate on
16 land which is in the vicinity of any unit of the na-
17 tional park system for which the Secretary has ac-
18 quired authority under this section, except that the
19 Secretary may not begin construction, operation, or
20 maintenance of buildings or facilities on land not
21 owned by the United States until the owner of such
22 lands has entered into a binding agreement with the
23 Secretary, the terms of which assure the continued
24 use of such buildings and facilities for a period of

1 time commensurate with the level of Federal invest-
2 ment.”.

