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H. R. 3278

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to convey the Saint Helena Island Light Station to the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 1996

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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. CONVEYANCE OF SAINT HELENA ISLAND LIGHT**
4 **STATION.**

5 (a) AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
8 retary”) shall convey to the Great Lakes Lighthouse
9 Keepers Association by an appropriate means of
10 conveyance, all right, title, and interest of the Unit-

1 ed States in and to the property comprising the
2 Saint Helena Island Light Station, located in Mack-
3 inac County, Moran Township, Michigan.

4 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY.—The Sec-
5 retary may identify, describe, and determine the
6 property to be conveyed pursuant to this section.

7 (b) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—A conveyance of property
9 pursuant to this section shall be made—

10 (A) without the payment of consideration;

11 and

12 (B) subject to such terms and conditions
13 as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

14 (2) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—In addition to
15 any term or condition established pursuant to para-
16 graph (1), any conveyance of property comprising
17 the Saint Helena Island Light Station pursuant to
18 subsection (a) shall be subject to the condition that
19 all right, title, and interest in and to the property
20 so conveyed shall immediately revert to the United
21 States if the property, or any part thereof—

22 (A) ceases to be used as a nonprofit center
23 for the interpretation and preservation of mari-
24 time history;

1 (B) ceases to be maintained in a manner
2 that ensures its present or future use as a
3 Coast Guard aid to navigation; or

4 (C) ceases to be maintained in a manner
5 consistent with the provisions of the National
6 Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et
7 seq.).

8 (3) MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATION FUNC-
9 TIONS.—Any conveyance of property pursuant to
10 this section shall be subject to such conditions as the
11 Secretary considers to be necessary to ensure that—

12 (A) the light, antennas, sound signal, and
13 associated lighthouse equipment located on the
14 property conveyed, which are active aids to
15 navigation, shall continue to be operated and
16 maintained by the United States for as long as
17 they are needed for this purpose;

18 (B) the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers
19 Association, or any successors or assigns, may
20 not interfere or allow interference in any man-
21 ner with such aids to navigation without ex-
22 press written permission from the United
23 States;

24 (C) there is reserved to the United States
25 the right to relocate, replace, or add any aids

1 to navigation, or make any changes to the Saint
2 Helena Island Light Station, that may be nec-
3 essary for navigation purposes;

4 (D) the United States shall have the right,
5 at any time, to enter the property conveyed
6 without notice for the purpose of maintaining
7 the navigation aids in use on the property;

8 (E) the United States shall have an ease-
9 ment of access to such property for the purpose
10 of maintaining such navigational aids; and

11 (F) the Saint Helena Island Light Station
12 shall revert to the United States at the end of
13 the 30-day period beginning on any date on
14 which the Secretary of Transportation provides
15 written notice to the Great Lakes Lighthouse
16 Keepers Association, or any successor or assign,
17 that the Saint Helena Island Light Station is
18 needed for national security purposes.

19 (4) MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY.—Any convey-
20 ance of property under this section shall be subject
21 to the condition that the Great Lakes Lighthouse
22 Keepers Association, or any successor or assign,
23 shall maintain the Saint Helena Island Light Sta-
24 tion in accordance with the provisions of the Na-

1 tional Historic Preservation Act and other applicable
2 laws.

3 (5) OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The Great
4 Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, or any suc-
5 cessors or assigns, shall not have any obligation to
6 maintain any active aid to navigation equipment on
7 the property conveyed pursuant to this section.

8 (c) SAINT HELENA ISLAND LIGHT STATION DE-
9 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “Saint
10 Helena Island Light Station” means the Coast Guard
11 property and improvements known as the “Saint Helena
12 Island Light Station” located in Mackinac County, Moran
13 Township, Michigan. Such term does not include any his-
14 torical artifact, including any lens or lantern, located on
15 the property at or before the time of conveyance.

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