

105TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 1718

AMENDMENTS

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 10, 1998.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1718) entitled “An Act to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. WEIR FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, CON-***
2 ***NECTICUT.***

3 *(a) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR VISITOR AND ADMINIS-*
4 *TRATIVE FACILITIES.—Section 4 of the Weir Farm Na-*
5 *tional Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.*
6 *461 note; Public Law 101–485; 104 Stat. 1171) is amended*
7 *by adding at the end the following:*

8 *“(d) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR VISITOR AND ADMIN-*
9 *ISTRATIVE FACILITIES; LIMITATIONS.—*

10 *“(1) ACQUISITION.—*

1 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*To preserve and main-*
2 *tain the historic setting and character of the his-*
3 *toric site, the Secretary may acquire not more*
4 *than 15 additional acres for the development of*
5 *visitor and administrative facilities for the his-*
6 *toric site.*

7 “(B) *PROXIMITY.*—*The property acquired*
8 *under this subsection shall be contiguous to or in*
9 *close proximity to the property described in sub-*
10 *section (b).*

11 “(C) *MANAGEMENT.*—*The acquired property*
12 *shall be included within the boundary of the his-*
13 *toric site and shall be managed and maintained*
14 *as part of the historic site.*

15 “(2) *DEVELOPMENT.*—*The Secretary shall keep*
16 *development of the property acquired under para-*
17 *graph (1) to a minimum so that the character of the*
18 *acquired property will be similar to the natural and*
19 *undeveloped landscape of the property described in*
20 *subsection (b).*

21 “(3) *AGREEMENTS.*—*Prior to and as a pre-*
22 *requisite to any development of visitor and adminis-*
23 *trative facilities on the property acquired under para-*
24 *graph (1), the Secretary shall enter into 1 or more*
25 *agreements with the appropriate zoning authority of*

1 *the town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and the town of*
 2 *Wilton, Connecticut, for the purposes of—*

3 *“(A) developing the parking, visitor, and*
 4 *administrative facilities for the historic site; and*

5 *“(B) managing bus traffic to the historic*
 6 *site and limiting parking for large tour buses to*
 7 *an offsite location.”.*

8 *(b) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM ACQUISITION AUTHOR-*
 9 *ITY.—Section 7 of the Weir Farm National Historic Site*
 10 *Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 101–485; 104*
 11 *Stat. 1173) is amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and in-*
 12 *serting “\$4,000,000”.*

13 **SEC. 2. ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT OF WILCOX**
 14 **RANCH, UTAH, FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT.**

15 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:*

16 *(1) The lands within the Wilcox Ranch in east-*
 17 *ern Utah are prime habitat for wild turkeys, eagles,*
 18 *hawks, bears, cougars, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, and*
 19 *many other important species, and Range Creek with-*
 20 *in the Wilcox Ranch could become a blue ribbon trout*
 21 *stream.*

22 *(2) These lands also contain a great deal of un-*
 23 *disturbed cultural and archeological resources, includ-*
 24 *ing ancient pottery, arrowheads, and rock homes con-*
 25 *structed centuries ago.*

1 (3) *These lands, while comprising only approxi-*
2 *mately 3,800 acres, control access to over 75,000 acres*
3 *of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau*
4 *of Land Management.*

5 (4) *Acquisition of the Wilcox Ranch would bene-*
6 *fit the people of the United States by preserving and*
7 *enhancing important wildlife habitat, ensuring access*
8 *to lands of the Bureau of Land Management, and*
9 *protecting priceless archeological and cultural re-*
10 *sources.*

11 (5) *These lands, if acquired by the United States,*
12 *can be managed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Re-*
13 *sources at no additional expense to the Federal Gov-*
14 *ernment.*

15 (b) *ACQUISITION OF LANDS.—As soon as practicable,*
16 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
17 *of the Interior shall acquire, through purchase, the Wilcox*
18 *Ranch located in Emery County, in eastern Utah.*

19 (c) *FUNDS FOR PURCHASE.—The Secretary of the In-*
20 *terior is authorized to use not more than \$5,000,000 from*
21 *the land and water conservation fund established under sec-*
22 *tion 2 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of*
23 *1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–5) for the purchase of the Wilcox*
24 *Ranch under subsection (b).*

1 (d) *MANAGEMENT OF LANDS.*—Upon payment by the
2 *State of Utah of one-half of the purchase price of the Wilcox*
3 *Ranch to the United States, or transfer by the State of Utah*
4 *of lands of the same such value to the United States, the*
5 *Secretary of the Interior shall transfer to the State of Utah*
6 *all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to*
7 *those Wilcox Ranch lands acquired under subsection (b) for*
8 *management by the State Division of Wildlife Resources for*
9 *wildlife habitat and public access.*

10 **SEC. 3. LAND CONVEYANCE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

11 (a) *CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.*—Notwithstanding any
12 *other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior shall*
13 *convey, without consideration and for educational related*
14 *purposes, to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Flor-*
15 *ida, a nonprofit corporation authorized to do business in*
16 *the State of Arizona, all right, title, and interest of the*
17 *United States, if any, to a parcel of real property consisting*
18 *of approximately 16 acres in Yavapai County, Arizona,*
19 *which is more fully described as the parcel lying east of*
20 *the east right-of-way boundary of the Willow Creek Road*
21 *in the southwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter*
22 *(SW^{1/4}SW^{1/4}) of section 2, township 14 north, range 2 west,*
23 *Gila and Salt River meridian.*

24 (b) *TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.*—Subject to the limitation
25 *that the land to be conveyed is to be used only for edu-*

1 *cational related purposes, the conveyance under subsection*
2 *(a) is to be made without any other conditions, limitations,*
3 *reservations, restrictions, or terms by the United States. If*
4 *the Secretary of the Interior determines that the conveyed*
5 *lands are not being used for educational related purposes,*
6 *at the option of the United States, the lands shall revert*
7 *to the United States.*

8 **SEC. 4. LAND EXCHANGE, EL PORTAL ADMINISTRATIVE**
9 **SITE, CALIFORNIA.**

10 *(a) AUTHORIZATION OF EXCHANGE.—If the non-Fed-*
11 *eral lands described in subsection (b) are conveyed to the*
12 *United States in accordance with this section, the Secretary*
13 *of the Interior shall convey to the party conveying the non-*
14 *Federal lands all right, title, and interest of the United*
15 *States in and to a parcel of land consisting of approxi-*
16 *mately 8 acres administered by the Department of Interior*
17 *as part of the El Portal Administrative Site in the State*
18 *of California, as generally depicted on the map entitled “El*
19 *Portal Administrative Site Land Exchange”, dated June*
20 *1998.*

21 *(b) RECEIPT OF NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—The parcel of*
22 *non-Federal lands referred to in subsection (a) consists of*
23 *approximately 8 acres, known as the Yosemite View parcel,*
24 *which is located adjacent to the El Portal Administrative*
25 *Site, as generally depicted on the map referred to in sub-*

1 *section (a). Title to the non-Federal lands must be accept-*
2 *able to the Secretary of the Interior, and the conveyance*
3 *shall be subject to such valid existing rights of record as*
4 *may be acceptable to the Secretary. The parcel shall con-*
5 *form with the title approval standards applicable to Federal*
6 *land acquisitions.*

7 (c) *EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.—If the value of the*
8 *Federal land and non-Federal lands to be exchanged under*
9 *this section are not equal in value, the difference in value*
10 *shall be equalized through a cash payment or the provision*
11 *of goods or services as agreed upon by the Secretary and*
12 *the party conveying the non-Federal lands.*

13 (d) *APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—Except as oth-*
14 *erwise provided in this section, the Secretary of the Interior*
15 *shall process the land exchange authorized by this section*
16 *in the manner provided in part 2200 of title 43, Code of*
17 *Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of the enact-*
18 *ment of this subtitle.*

19 (e) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Upon completion of the*
20 *land exchange, the Secretary shall adjust the boundaries of*
21 *the El Portal Administrative Site as necessary to reflect*
22 *the exchange. Lands acquired by the Secretary under this*
23 *section shall be administered as part of the El Portal Ad-*
24 *ministrative Site.*

1 (f) *MAP.*—*The map referred to in subsection (a) shall*
2 *be on file and available for inspection in appropriate offices*
3 *of the Department of the Interior.*

4 (g) *ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The Sec-*
5 *retary of the Interior may require such additional terms*
6 *and conditions in connection with the land exchange under*
7 *this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to pro-*
8 *tect the interests of the United States.*

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property, and for other purposes.”.

Attest:

Clerk.