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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Resources

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.

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

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

3 (a) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR VISITOR AND ADMIN-
4 ISTRATIVE 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 amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(d) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR VISITOR AND AD-
9 MINISTRATIVE FACILITIES; LIMITATIONS.—

10 “(1) ACQUISITION.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To preserve and
12 maintain the historic setting and character of
13 the historic site, the Secretary may acquire not
14 more than 15 additional acres for the develop-
15 ment of visitor and administrative facilities for
16 the historic site.

17 “(B) PROXIMITY.—The property acquired
18 under this subsection shall be contiguous to or
19 in close proximity to the property described in
20 subsection (b).

21 “(C) MANAGEMENT.—The acquired prop-
22 erty shall be included within the boundary of
23 the historic site and shall be managed and
24 maintained as part of the historic site.

25 “(2) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall keep
26 development of the property acquired under para-

1 graph (1) to a minimum so that the character of the
 2 acquired property will be similar to the natural and
 3 undeveloped landscape of the property described in
 4 subsection (b).

5 “(3) AGREEMENTS.—Prior to and as a pre-
 6 requisite to any development of visitor and adminis-
 7 trative facilities on the property acquired under
 8 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall enter into 1 or
 9 more agreements with the appropriate zoning au-
 10 thority of the town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and
 11 the town of Wilton, Connecticut, for the purposes
 12 of—

13 “(A) developing the parking, visitor, and
 14 administrative facilities for the historic site; and

15 “(B) managing bus traffic to the historic
 16 site and limiting parking for large tour buses to
 17 an offsite location.”.

18 (b) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM ACQUISITION AUTHOR-
 19 ITY.—Section 7 of the Weir Farm National Historic Site
 20 Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 101–485;
 21 104 Stat. 1173) is amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and
 22 inserting “\$4,000,000”.

Passed the Senate October 2, 1998.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,

Secretary.