

Calendar No. 571105TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 1718****[Report No. 105-328]**

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 1998

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment

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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. WEIR FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, CON-**
 4 **NECTICUT.**

5 (a) ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR VISITOR AND ADMIN-
 6 ISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—Section 4 of the Weir Farm Na-
 7 tional Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C.
 8 461 note; Public Law 101–485; 104 Stat. 1171) is amend-
 9 ed by adding at the end the following:

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

12 “(1) ACQUISITION.—

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

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

23 “(C) MANAGEMENT.—The acquired prop-
 24 erty shall be included within the boundary of

1 the historic site and shall be managed and
 2 maintained as part of the historic site.

3 ~~“(2) DEVELOPMENT.—~~

4 ~~“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall~~
 5 ~~keep development of the property acquired~~
 6 ~~under paragraph (1) to a minimum so that the~~
 7 ~~character of the acquired property will be simi-~~
 8 ~~lar to the natural and undeveloped landscape of~~
 9 ~~the property described in subsection (b).~~

10 ~~“(B) PARKING AREA.—Any parking area~~
 11 ~~for the resulting visitor and administrative fa-~~
 12 ~~cility shall not exceed 30 spaces.~~

13 ~~“(C) SALES.—Items sold in the visitor fa-~~
 14 ~~cilities—~~

15 ~~“(i) shall be limited to educational~~
 16 ~~and interpretive materials related to the~~
 17 ~~purpose of the historic site; and~~

18 ~~“(ii) shall not include food.~~

19 ~~“(2) DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall keep devel-~~
 20 ~~opment of the property acquired under paragraph (1) to~~
 21 ~~a minimum so that the character of the acquired property~~
 22 ~~will be similar to the natural and undeveloped landscape~~
 23 ~~of the property described in subsection (b).~~

24 ~~“(3) AGREEMENTS.—Prior to and as a pre-~~
 25 ~~requisite to any development of visitor and adminis-~~

1 trative facilities on the property acquired under
2 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall enter into 1 or
3 more agreements with the appropriate zoning au-
4 thority of the town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and
5 the town of Wilton, Connecticut, for the purposes
6 of—

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

9 “(B) managing bus traffic to the historic
10 site and limiting parking for large tour buses to
11 an offsite location.”.

12 (b) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM ACQUISITION AUTHOR-
13 ITY.—Section 7 of the Weir Farm National Historic Site
14 Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 101–485;
15 104 Stat. 1173) is amended by striking “\$1,500,000” and
16 inserting “\$4,000,000”.

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