

Union Calendar No. 204

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 20

[Report No. 106-361]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

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

OCTOBER 4, 1999

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Upper Delaware Scenic
3 and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of
4 1999”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 The Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Secretary of the Interior approved a
8 management plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic
9 and Recreational River, as required by section 704
10 of Public Law 95–625 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note), on
11 September 29, 1987.

12 (2) The river management plan called for the
13 development of a primary visitor contact facility lo-
14 cated at the southern end of the river corridor.

15 (3) The river management plan determined that
16 the visitor center would be built and operated by the
17 National Park Service.

18 (4) The Act that designated the Upper Dela-
19 ware Scenic and Recreational River and the ap-
20 proved river management plan limits the Secretary
21 of the Interior’s authority to acquire land within the
22 boundary of the river corridor.

23 (5) The State of New York authorized on June
24 21, 1993, a 99-year lease between the New York
25 State Department of Environmental Conservation
26 and the National Park Service for the construction

1 and operation of a visitor center by the Federal Gov-
2 ernment on State-owned land in the Town of
3 Deerpark, Orange County, New York, in the vicinity
4 of Mongaup, which is the preferred site for the vis-
5 itor center.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF VISITOR CENTER FOR UPPER**
7 **DELAWARE SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL**
8 **RIVER.**

9 For the purpose of constructing and operating a vis-
10 itor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Rec-
11 reational River and subject to the availability of appropria-
12 tions, the Secretary of the Interior may—

13 (1) enter into a lease with the State of New
14 York, for a term of 99 years, for State-owned land
15 within the boundaries of the Upper Delaware Scenic
16 and Recreational River located at an area known as
17 Mongaup near the confluence of the Mongaup and
18 Upper Delaware Rivers in the State of New York;
19 and

20 (2) construct and operate such a visitor center
21 on land leased under paragraph (2).

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