

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5019

To convey certain submerged lands to the Government of the Virgin Islands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

To convey certain submerged lands to the Government of
the Virgin Islands.

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 SUBMERGED LANDS TO THE**
4 **GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
6 all of the right, title, and interest of the United States
7 in and to submerged lands in the area between the island
8 of Saint Croix and the islands of Saint Thomas and Saint
9 John is conveyed to the Government of the Virgin Islands
10 to be administered in trust for the benefit of the people
11 thereof.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

2 (1) AREA BETWEEN THE ISLAND OF SAINT
3 CROIX AND THE ISLANDS OF SAINT THOMAS AND
4 SAINT JOHN.—The term “area between the island of
5 Saint Croix and the islands of Saint Thomas and
6 Saint John” means the area that is—

7 (A) outside of the area conveyed to the
8 Virgin Islands by section 1 of Public Law 93–
9 435 (48 U.S.C. 1705);

10 (B) north of Saint Croix;

11 (C) south of Saint Thomas and Saint
12 John;

13 (D) east of the line running from the west-
14 ernmost point on the coastline of Saint Croix at
15 mean high tide to the westernmost point on the
16 coastline of Saint Thomas at mean high tide;
17 and

18 (E) west of the line running from the east-
19 ernmost point on the coastline of Saint Croix at
20 mean high tide to the easternmost point on the
21 coastline of Saint John at mean high tide.

22 (2) SAINT CROIX, SAINT THOMAS, SAINT
23 JOHN.—The terms “Saint Croix”, “Saint Thomas”,
24 and “Saint John” mean the islands of Saint Croix,

- 1 Saint Thomas, and Saint John, respectively, in the
- 2 United States Virgin Islands.

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