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H. R. 5496

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by lessees of such facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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. LEASES, PERMITS, AND CONTRACTS FOR**
2 **BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, AND PROPERTIES IN**
3 **THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Wildlife Refuge
5 System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et
6 seq.) is amended by—

7 (1) striking section 6 (relating to amendments
8 to other laws, which have executed);

9 (2) redesignating section 5 (16 U.S.C. 668ee)
10 as section 6; and

11 (3) inserting after section 4 the following:

12 **“SEC. 5. LEASES, PERMITS, AND CONTRACTS FOR BUILD-**
13 **INGS, FACILITIES, AND PROPERTIES IN NA-**
14 **TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.**

15 “(a) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.—Notwithstanding
16 any other provision of law, the Secretary may include, in
17 any agreement, lease, permit, or contract granted by the
18 Secretary that authorizes a person to use land or water
19 in the System for purposes of providing accommodations,
20 facilities, or services to visitors to an area in the System,
21 provisions that—

22 “(1) authorize the person to maintain or repair
23 any improvement on or in such land or water that
24 the person is authorized to use for such purposes;
25 and

1 “(2) treat costs incurred by the person for such
2 maintenance or repair as consideration otherwise re-
3 quired to be paid to the United States for such use.

4 “(b) EXPENDITURE OF FEES AND OTHER PAY-
5 MENTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received by the
7 United States as fees or other payments required
8 under any agreement, lease, permit, or contract for
9 use of real property located in an area in the System
10 shall be available to the Secretary for expenditure in
11 accordance with this subsection, without further ap-
12 propriation, to increase the quality of the visitor ex-
13 perience and enhance the protection of resources.

14 “(2) AUTHORIZED USES.—Amounts available
15 for expenditure under this section may only be used
16 for the area, site, or project concerned for the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(A) Backlogged repair and maintenance
19 projects (including projects relating to health
20 and safety).

21 “(B) Interpretation, signage, habitat, or
22 facility enhancement.

23 “(C) Resource preservation.

1 “(D) Annual operation (including fee col-
2 lection), maintenance, and law enforcement re-
3 lating to public use.

4 “(3) REFUGE REVENUE SHARING ACT OF
5 1935.—Paragraph (1) shall not affect the application
6 of the Act of June 15, 1935 (chapter 261; 16 U.S.C.
7 715s), commonly referred to as the Refuge Revenue
8 Sharing Act, to amounts referred to in paragraph
9 (1) that are not expended by the Secretary under
10 paragraph (1).”.

11 (b) PRIOR AMENDMENTS NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing
12 in this section shall be construed to affect any amendment
13 made by section 6 of the National Wildlife Refuge System
14 Administration Act of 1966), as in effect before the enact-
15 ment of this Act, or any provision of law amended by such
16 section.

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