

Union Calendar No. 190

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3322

[Report No. 107-315]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct an education and administrative center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

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

DECEMBER 4, 2001

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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bear River Migratory
5 Bird Refuge Visitor Center Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Bear River marshes have been a historical waterfowl oasis and an important inland waterfowl flyway for thousands of years.

6 (2) Congress created the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge as one of the first National Wildlife Refuges, for the purpose of protecting waterfowl habitat and migratory birds, educating the public regarding, and enhancing public appreciation of, waterfowl habitat and migratory birds.

12 (3) The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge was virtually destroyed by the devastating floods that occurred between 1983 and 1985.

15 (4) Refuge employees, aided by volunteers, have taken valiant actions to rebuild the Refuge by restoring habitat, increasing its attractiveness to waterfowl, reducing waterfowl botulism, and providing recreational and educational opportunities to the public.

21 (5) The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge lacks a functional education and administrative center.

24 (6) The creation of such a facility would significantly enhance public appreciation of waterfowl and the need to preserve waterfowl habitat.

1 health of waterfowl habitat, and for the administration of
2 the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated \$11,000,000 to carry out
5 subsection (a).

6 **SEC. 5. MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) DONATION OF FUNDS AND SERVICES.—The Sec-
8 retary may accept donations of funds and services from
9 nonprofit organizations, State and local governments, and
10 private citizens for the construction of the Education and
11 Administrative Center.

12 (b) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Secretary may not re-
13 quire matching funds or contributions in kind with a com-
14 bined total value of more than \$1,500,000 for construction
15 of the Education and Administrative Center.

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