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To direct the Secretary of the Army to lease land at the Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake project, South Carolina, to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mr. GRAHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. RICHARD B. RUSSELL DAM AND LAKE**
4 **PROJECT, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

5 (a) LEASE AUTHORITY.—Not later than 120 days
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
7 the Army shall terminate Department of the Army leases
8 DACW 21-1-92-0500 and DACW 21-1-97-0134, cov-

1 ering approximately 1,798 acres of land at the Richard
2 B. Russell Dam and Lake project, South Carolina, author-
3 ized by section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1966 (80
4 Stat. 1420), and enter into a single lease with the lessee,
5 the South Carolina Department of Commerce, covering
6 the same approximately 1,798 Acres.

7 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The lease entered
8 into under subsection (a) shall be for a term of not to
9 exceed 111 years and shall allow for development activities
10 that will enhance the recreational opportunities available
11 on the Savannah River and at the project.

12 (c) DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—

13 (1) TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—De-
14 velopment activities undertaken on the land covered
15 by the lease may include the construction of cot-
16 tages, golf courses and related facilities, a hotel and
17 restaurant, a marina, a boat ramp and dry board
18 storage facility, and such other facilities as are ap-
19 proved by the Secretary. Such facilities may be pub-
20 licly or privately owned.

21 (2) COST OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—De-
22 velopment activities on the land covered by the lease
23 shall be undertaken at no cost to the Federal Gov-
24 ernment.

1 (3) RENTAL OF COTTAGES.—Cottages con-
2 structed on the land covered by the lease shall be
3 available for public rental at least 245 days per year,
4 including a minimum of 90 days during the months
5 of March through July.

6 (4) PUBLIC USE OF FACILITIES.—Any floating
7 or stationary board or courtesy dock placed on the
8 waters of Richard B. Russell Lake in conjunction
9 with the lease shall be available for use by the gen-
10 eral public and may not be managed for private ex-
11 clusive use by any individual or entity.

12 (5) FACILITIES NOT TO INTERFERE WITH
13 PROJECT.—Facilities constructed on the land cov-
14 ered by the lease may not interfere with operation
15 of the project by the Federal Government in accord-
16 ance with the authorized project purposes.

17 (d) INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL PARCEL.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The lease entered into under
19 subsection (a) may include, in addition to the 1,798
20 acres specified in subsection (a), an additional parcel
21 of land known as Parcel G, as identified in the
22 Pickney Report commissioned by the South Carolina
23 Savannah Valley Authority and dated August 1991.
24 If Parcel G is included in the lease, the lease shall
25 provide for conversion of the designated use of the

1 parcel from undisturbed collar land to recreational
2 collar land.

3 (2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—As a condition
4 for the inclusion of Parcel G in the lease entered
5 into under subsection (a), the Secretary shall require
6 the State of South Carolina to transfer to the Sec-
7 retary a parcel of land that is similar to Parcel G
8 in ecological values, functions, and habitat for the
9 purpose of mitigating against losses resulting from
10 the conversion referred to in paragraph (1).

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