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# H. R. 1423

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Dorothy Buell Memo-  
5       rial Visitor Center Lease Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

7       The Secretary may enter into a memorandum of un-  
8       derstanding to establish a joint partnership with the Por-

1 ter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commis-  
2 sion. The memorandum of understanding shall—

3 (1) identify the overall goals and purpose of the  
4 Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center;

5 (2) establish how management and operational  
6 duties will be shared;

7 (3) determine how exhibits, signs, and other in-  
8 formation are developed;

9 (4) indicate how various activities will be fund-  
10 ed;

11 (5) identify who is responsible for providing site  
12 amenities;

13 (6) establish procedures for changing or dis-  
14 solving the joint partnership; and

15 (7) address any other issues deemed necessary  
16 by the Secretary or the Porter County Convention,  
17 Recreation and Visitor Commission.

18 **SEC. 3. LEASE AGREEMENT.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—After entering into a memo-  
20 randum of understanding in accordance with section 2, the  
21 Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into an  
22 agreement with Porter County Convention, Recreation  
23 and Visitor Commission to lease space in the Dorothy  
24 Buell Memorial Visitor Center, located on a site south of  
25 the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore boundary on IN

1 49, the principal north/south artery into the national lake-  
2 shore, for use as a visitor center for Indiana Dunes Na-  
3 tional Lakeshore.

4 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF EXHIBITS.—The Secretary  
5 may plan, design, construct, and install exhibits in the  
6 leased space related to the use and management of the  
7 resources at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, at a cost  
8 not to exceed \$1,200,000.

9 (c) NATIONAL LAKESHORE PRESENCE.—The Sec-  
10 retary may utilize park staff from Indiana Dunes National  
11 Lakeshore in the leased space to provide visitor informa-  
12 tion and education.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
15 retary such sums as may be necessary for the purposes  
16 of this Act.

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