

RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST—IOSCO COUNTY,
MICHIGAN

JUNE 27, 1996.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2670]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2670) to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**SECTION 1. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST REGARDING CERTAIN PROPERTY IN
IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

(a) **RELEASE REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Agriculture shall release the reversionary interest of the United States in the parcel of real property described in subsection (b), which was retained by the United States when the property was conveyed to the County of Iosco, Michigan, in 1960 pursuant to a deed recorded at Liber 144, beginning page 58, in the land records of the County.

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**—The parcel of real property referred to in subsection (a) consists of 1.92 acres in the County of Iosco, Michigan, and is described as follows:

That part of the N.W. ¼ of the S.E. ¼ of Section 11, T.22 N.R. 8 East., Baldwin Township, Iosco County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the Center of said Section 11, thence South 89 degrees, 15' 41" East, along the East-West ¼ Line of said Section 11, 102.0 feet, thence South 00 degrees 08' 07" East, along an existing fence line, 972.56 feet, thence North 89 degrees 07' 13" W. 69.70 feet to a point in the North-South ¼ Line, thence North 02 degrees 02' 12" West, along said North-South ¼ Line, 973.42 feet to the Point of Beginning.

(c) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—The Secretary may require such terms or conditions in connection with the release under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(d) INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE.—The Secretary shall execute and file in the appropriate office or offices a deed of release, amended deed, or other appropriate instrument effectuating the release of the reversionary interest under this section.

BRIEF EXPLANATION

H.R. 2670 provides for the release of a reversionary interest held by the United States in 1.92 acres in real property in Iosco County, Michigan in exchange for adequate consideration.

PURPOSE AND NEED

H.R. 2670 is intended to clear title on 1.92 acres in real property in order to facilitate a land exchange under the Small Tracts Act of 1983, P.L. 97-465, (16 U.S.C. § 521c et seq.). The 1.92 acres in real property was provided to Iosco County for an airport but a reversionary interest was retained by the United States in the event the property was ever used for another purpose. Due to a survey error, the property has been in private use. The private party has agreed to provide real property of equal value to Iosco County in exchange for the 1.92 acres. A release of the reversionary interest held by the United States is necessary to carry out the exchange.

SECTION-BY-SECTION

Section 1 requires the Secretary to release the reversionary interest of the United States in the 1.92 acres. Section 1 further provides a description of the property, leave for the Secretary to require additional terms in connection with the release to protect the interests of the United States, and a provision requiring the Secretary to execute and file necessary documents to effectuate the release.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

The Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a public hearing on May 30, 1996 in regards to H.R. 2670 and other legislation. Following the hearing, the Subcommittee met, pursuant to notice and with a quorum being present, to consider H.R. 2670 and other pending business. An amendment to H.R. 2670 was offered by Mr. Johnson to require adequate consideration and such amendment was agreed to by a voice vote. H.R. 2670 was reported to the full Committee by a voice vote with a recommendation that it do pass.

The Committee on Agriculture met, pursuant to notice and with a quorum present, on June 19, 1996 to consider H.R. 2670, as amended in Subcommittee, and other pending business. Chairman Roberts recognized Mr. Allard, Chairman of the Subcommittee, for an explanation of H.R. 2670 and other pending legislation.

After an explanation of the bill and brief discussion, Mr. Allard moved that the bill be favorably reported to the House. Mr. Allard's motion was agreed to by a voice vote of the Committee.

The Committee then proceeded to other items of business.

REPORTING THE BILL—ROLLCALL VOTES

In compliance with clause 2(1)(2) of rule XI of the House of Representatives, the bill was reported, as amended, with a quorum actually present by a voice vote. There was no motion or request for a recorded vote.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION

At the May 30, 1996 hearing of the Subcommittee, the Department of Agriculture recommended enactment of H.R. 2670 if amended to provide for appropriate consideration for the release of the reversionary interest. Such an amendment was offered by Mr. Johnson in Subcommittee and approved by a voice vote.

BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE (SECTION 308 AND SECTION 403)

The provisions of clause 2(1)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (relating to estimates of new budget authority, new spending authority, or new credit authority, or increased or decreased revenues or tax expenditures) are not considered applicable. The estimate and comparison required to be prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under clause 2(1)(C)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 submitted to the Committee prior to the filing of this report are as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 27, 1996.

Hon. PAT ROBERTS,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 2670, a bill to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, Michigan, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on June 19, 1996. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would result in no significant costs to the federal government. H.R. 2670 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

H.R. 2670 would release the reversionary interest in 1.92 acres of property that the United States retained when it conveyed the property to Iosco County, Michigan, in 1960. The bill would allow the Secretary of Agriculture to require such terms or conditions in connection with the release as he considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States. According to the U.S. Forest Service, the Agency may seek to gain the reversionary interest in another piece of property owned by Iosco County in exchange for release of the reversionary interest specified in this bill. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that the administrative costs to process this exchange would be negligible.

H.R. 2670 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in Public Law 104-4 and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts of Victoria Heid (for federal costs) and Marjorie Miller (for the state and local impact).

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director*.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee estimates that enactment of H.R. 2670, as amended, will have no inflationary impact on the national economy.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

No summary of oversight findings and recommendations made by the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight under clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives was available to the Committee with reference to the subject matter specifically addressed by H.R. 2670, as amended.

No specific oversight activities other than the hearings detailed in this report were conducted by the Committee within the definition of clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.