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To establish America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in Iowa, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership in Iowa, and for other purposes.

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 "America's Agricultural
5 Heritage Partnership Act of 1996".

6 **SEC 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the city of Waterloo, Iowa, and northeast
9 Iowa, possess many important elements of the na-
10 tionally significant story of American agriculture, in-

1 cluding Native American agriculture, agricultural
2 mechanization, seed hybridization, farm cooperative
3 movements, rural electrification, farm-to-market sys-
4 tems, rural-to-urban migration, veterinary practice,
5 food processing and preservation, national farm or-
6 ganizations, international hunger relief, and the de-
7 velopment of national and international agribusiness;

8 (2) these resources offer outstanding and
9 unique opportunities to acknowledge and appreciate
10 the development of American agriculture;

11 (3) the National Park Service has determined
12 that—

13 (A) the story of American agriculture is
14 nationally significant;

15 (B) northeast Iowa is an ideal place to tell
16 the story; and

17 (C) the story could be divided into 4 prin-
18 cipal topics for interpretation consisting of—

19 (i) the amazing science of agriculture;

20 (ii) agriculture as a way of life;

21 (iii) organizing for survival; and

22 (iv) crops from field to table;

23 (4) the responsibility for interpreting, retaining,
24 enhancing, and promoting the resources, values, and
25 amenities of Waterloo, Iowa, and northeast Iowa re-

1 sides with volunteer associations, private businesses,
2 political subdivisions of the State, and the State; and

3 (5) despite the efforts by volunteer associations,
4 private businesses, political subdivisions of the State,
5 and the State, the cultural and historical resources
6 of the area have not realized full potential and may
7 be lost without assistance from the Federal Govern-
8 ment.

9 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

10 (1) to interpret, retain, enhance, and promote
11 the unique and significant contributions to national
12 and international agriculture of certain natural, his-
13 torical, and cultural resources within Waterloo,
14 Iowa, and northeast Iowa;

15 (2) to provide a partnership management
16 framework to assist volunteer associations, private
17 businesses, political subdivisions of the State, and
18 the State in developing and implementing Plan poli-
19 cies and programs that will assist in the interpreta-
20 tion, retention, enhancement, and promotion of the
21 cultural, natural, and recreational resources of
22 northeast Iowa;

23 (3) to allow for local, State, and Federal con-
24 tributions through limited grants and technical as-
25 sistance to create America's Agricultural Heritage

1 Partnership through cooperative agreements among
2 volunteer associations, private businesses, political
3 subdivisions of the State, the State, and residents
4 of the area; and

5 (4) to provide for an economically self-sustain-
6 ing Partnership for the educational and inspirational
7 benefit of current and future generations concerning
8 the story of American agriculture.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) **ACTIVITY.**—The term “activity” means an
12 activity described in section 4(b).

13 (2) **MANAGEMENT ENTITY.**—The term “man-
14 agement entity” means the management entity es-
15 tablished under section 5(a).

16 (3) **PARTNERSHIP.**—The term “Partnership”
17 means the America’s Agricultural Heritage Partner-
18 ship established under section 4(a).

19 (4) **PLAN.**—The term “Plan” means the Part-
20 nership Management Plan established under section
21 6(a).

22 (5) **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.**—The term “politi-
23 cal subdivision” means a political subdivision of the
24 State (including a county, city, or town), any part
25 of which is located in or adjacent to the area in

1 which the activities of the Partnership are carried
2 out.

3 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 (7) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
6 of Iowa.

7 **SEC. 4. AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PARTNER-**
8 **SHIP.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—On publication by the Sec-
10 retary in the Federal Register of notice that a Plan has
11 been approved by the Secretary, there is established in the
12 State the America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership to
13 carry out this Act.

14 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Partnership shall carry out
15 such activities as the Partnership determines are necessary
16 to carry out this Act, except that the activities shall be
17 carried out only in the counties of northeast Iowa that
18 are generally depicted in Alternatives 2 and 3 of the Spe-
19 cial Resource Study, Cedar Valley, Iowa, of the National
20 Park Service conducted during 1995.

21 (c) PARTICIPATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act requires
23 any owner of private property located in an area in
24 which the Partnership’s activities are carried out, or
25 resident in the area, to participate in or be associ-

1 ated with the Partnership or the Partnership's ac-
2 tivities.

3 (2) REMOVAL OF PROPERTY.—On providing
4 written notice to the Secretary, an owner of private
5 property may remove the property from participation
6 in, or association with, the Partnership or the Part-
7 nership's activities.

8 (d) GRANTS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND COOPER-
9 ATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

10 (1) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—
11 The Secretary may provide the Federal share speci-
12 fied in section 9(b) of the cost of making grants and
13 providing technical assistance to the Partnership to
14 carry out this Act.

15 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
16 retary may enter into a cooperative agreement with
17 a private entity, the State, a political subdivision of
18 the State, a Federal agency, the Partnership, or the
19 management entity to carry out this Act.

20 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT ENTITY.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the approval of the
22 Secretary, there is established a management entity for
23 the Partnership that shall be based on Management Op-
24 tion 5 of the Special Resource Study, Cedar Valley, Iowa,
25 of the National Park Service conducted during 1995.

1 (b) PLAN.—Subject to subsection (a), the structure
2 and operation of the management entity shall be estab-
3 lished in the Plan.

4 (c) COMPOSITION.—The management entity may in-
5 clude individuals affiliated with—

6 (1) the American Association of Museums;

7 (2) the American Farm Bureau;

8 (3) the American Farmland Trust;

9 (4) the Effigy Mounds National Monument and
10 the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site;

11 (5) the Iowa Department of Agriculture and
12 Land Stewardship;

13 (6) the Iowa Department of Corrections;

14 (7) the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs;

15 (8) the Iowa Department of Economic Develop-
16 ment;

17 (9) the National Trust for Historic Preserva-
18 tion;

19 (10) the Smithsonian Institution;

20 (11) the State Historic Preservation Office of
21 the State;

22 (12) the United States Department of Agri-
23 culture;

24 (13) the United States Department of Trans-
25 portation; and

1 (14) the America’s Agricultural/Industrial Her-
2 itage Landscape, Inc.

3 **SEC. 6. PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

4 (a) PREPARATION.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Partnership shall sub-
6 mit a Partnership Management Plan to the Secretary for
7 approval.

8 (b) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide the
9 Federal share specified in section 9(b) of the cost of pro-
10 viding technical assistance to the Partnership for the prep-
11 aration of the Plan.

12 **SEC. 7. PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act—

14 (1) modifies, enlarges, or diminishes the author-
15 ity of a Federal, State, or local government agency
16 to regulate any use of private property;

17 (2) requires any private property owner to per-
18 mit public access (or Federal, State, or local govern-
19 ment access) to private property;

20 (3) modifies or affects any provision of Federal,
21 State, or local law with regard to public access to or
22 use of private property; or

23 (4) creates any liability, or has any effect on
24 any liability (under any other law), of any private

1 property owner with respect to any person injured
2 on private property.

3 (b) LAND USE.—Nothing in this Act—

4 (1) grants a power of zoning, land use, or con-
5 demnation to the Partnership, the management en-
6 tity, the Secretary, or any other Federal, State, or
7 local government agency; or

8 (2) modifies any authority of a Federal, State,
9 or local government agency to regulate land use.

10 **SEC. 8. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act imposes any
12 environmental, occupational, safety, or other rule, regula-
13 tion, standard, or permit process that is different from
14 those that would be applicable had the Partnership or
15 management entity not been established.

16 (b) WATER AND WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this
17 Act authorizes or implies the reservation or appropriation
18 of water or water rights.

19 (c) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this Act di-
20 minishes the authority of the State in the management
21 of fish and wildlife, including the regulation of fishing and
22 hunting.

1 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; FEDERAL**
2 **SHARE.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appro-
4 priated to carry out this Act \$400,000 for each fiscal year.

5 (b) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—The Federal share of provid-
6 ing grants and technical assistance under this Act shall
7 be 50 percent.

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