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# S. 2461

To extend the authorization for the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council and to authorize construction and operation of a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, New York and Pennsylvania.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR UPPER**  
4 **DELAWARE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

5 Section 704(f)(1) of the National Parks and Recre-  
6 ation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note; Public Law 95-

1 625) is amended in the last sentence by striking “20” and  
2 inserting “30”.

3 **SEC. 2. VISITOR CENTER FOR UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC**  
4 **AND RECREATIONAL RIVER.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) on September 29, 1987, the Secretary of  
7 the Interior approved a management plan for the  
8 Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, as  
9 required by section 704(c) of the National Parks  
10 and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note;  
11 Public Law 95–625);

12 (2) the management plan called for the develop-  
13 ment of a primary visitor contact facility located at  
14 the southern end of the river corridor;

15 (3) the management plan determined that the  
16 visitor center would be built and operated by the Na-  
17 tional Park Service;

18 (4) section 704 of that Act limits the authority  
19 of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land with-  
20 in the boundary of the river corridor; and

21 (5) on June 21, 1993, the State of New York  
22 authorized a 99-year lease between the New York  
23 State Department of Environmental Conservation  
24 and the National Park Service for construction and  
25 operation of a visitor center by the Federal Govern-

1 ment on State-owned land in the town of Deerpark,  
2 Orange County, New York, in the vicinity of  
3 Mongaup, which is the preferred site for the visitor  
4 center.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF VISITOR CENTER.—Section  
6 704(d) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978  
7 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note; Public Law 95–625) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(d) Notwithstanding” and in-  
9 serting the following:

10 “(d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) VISITOR CENTER.—For the purpose of  
14 constructing and operating a visitor center for the  
15 segment of the Upper Delaware River designated as  
16 a scenic and recreational river by section 3(a)(19) of  
17 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C.  
18 1274(a)(19)), subject to the availability of appro-  
19 priations, the Secretary of the Interior may—

20 “(A) enter into a lease with the State of  
21 New York, for a term of 99 years, for State-  
22 owned land within the boundaries of the Upper  
23 Delaware River located at an area known as  
24 ‘Mongaup’ near the confluence of the Mongaup

1 and Upper Delaware Rivers in the State of New  
2 York; and

3 “(B) construct and operate the visitor cen-  
4 ter on the land leased under subparagraph  
5 (A).”.

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