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106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2541

[Report No. 106-447]

To adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include
Cat Island, Mississippi.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1999

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Resources

NOVEMBER 4, 1999

Additional sponsors: Mr. WICKER, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. PICKERING, and Mr.
THOMPSON of Mississippi

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

A BILL

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Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE CAT IS-**
 2 **LAND.**

3 The first section of Public Law 91-660 (16 U.S.C.
 4 459h; 84 Stat. 1967) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
 6 (6) as subparagraphs (A) through (F);

7 (2) by striking “shall comprise the following
 8 gulf coast” and inserting the following: “shall com-
 9 prise the following:

10 “(1) The gulf coast”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
 12 paragraph:

13 “(2) Cat Island, Mississippi, and the water area
 14 adjacent to the shoreline of Cat Island that is not
 15 owned by the State of Mississippi on the date of the
 16 enactment of this paragraph.”.

17 **SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

18 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The first section of Public Law 91-
 19 660 (16 U.S.C. 459h; 84 Stat. 1967) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (6)
 21 as subparagraphs (A) through (F) and adjusting the
 22 margin 2 ems to the right;

23 (2) by striking “shall comprise the following gulf
 24 coast” and inserting the following: “shall comprise the
 25 following:

26 “(1) The gulf coast”; and

1 (3) *by adding at the end the following new para-*
2 *graph:*

3 “(2)(A) *Only after acquisition by the Secretary*
4 *from a willing seller, (i) the water area adjacent to*
5 *the shoreline of Cat Island that is not owned by the*
6 *State of Mississippi on the date of the enactment of*
7 *this paragraph, and (ii) all of the property on Cat*
8 *Island, Mississippi, except that property described in*
9 *subparagraph (B).*

10 “(B) *The property to be excluded from the*
11 *boundaries of the seashore pursuant to subparagraph*
12 *(A) is as follows:*

13 “(i) *A parcel of land situated and being lo-*
14 *cated in Sections 32 and 33 of the Claim of*
15 *Juan de Cuevas as patented on February 23,*
16 *1882, Township 9 South, Range 11 West, First*
17 *Judicial District of Harrison County, Mis-*
18 *issippi and being more particularly described*
19 *as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast*
20 *corner of Lot 2 of the Survey of Bayou Marie*
21 *Ridge, Unit 1–A (Plat Book 27, Page 10); thence*
22 *run South 77 degrees 21 minutes 26 seconds*
23 *East 77.73 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 1*
24 *of the Survey of Bayou Marie Ridge, Unit 1–A;*
25 *thence run South 12 degrees 09 minutes 44 sec-*

1 *onds West 115.64 feet to the Southeast corner of*
2 *said Lot 1; thence run South 78 degrees 22 min-*
3 *utes 34 seconds East 80.00 feet to a point on the*
4 *easterly end of a canal; thence run South 11 de-*
5 *grees 55 minutes 46 seconds West 80.49 feet to*
6 *a point on the southerly margin of a canal;*
7 *thence run North 78 degrees 07 minutes 53 sec-*
8 *onds West 700.32 feet along the southerly margin*
9 *of a canal to the Northeast corner of Lot 20 of*
10 *the Survey of Bayou Marie Ridge, Unit 2-A;*
11 *thence run South 10 degrees 23 minutes 52 sec-*
12 *onds West 124.47 feet to the Southeast corner of*
13 *said Lot 20; thence run North 78 degrees 27*
14 *minutes 44 seconds West 166.82 feet along the*
15 *south line of Lots 20 and 19 of the Survey of*
16 *Bayou Marie Ridge, Unit 2-A; thence run North*
17 *11 degrees 12 minutes 19 seconds East 124.71*
18 *feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 19;*
19 *thence run North 78 degrees 22 minutes 10 sec-*
20 *onds West 1,436.58 feet along the northerly line*
21 *of Lot 18 through 1, inclusive of the Survey of*
22 *Bayou Marie Ridge, Unit 2-A to the Northwest*
23 *corner of said Lot 1; thence run South 11 degrees*
24 *37 minutes 50 seconds West along the westerly*
25 *line of said Lot 1 and a southerly projection*

1 *thereof a distance of 395 feet, more or less to the*
2 *centerline of a shell road; thence generally west-*
3 *erly 2,943 feet, more or less, along the centerline*
4 *of said shell road; thence run South 00 degrees*
5 *00 minutes 00 seconds East 835 feet, more or*
6 *less, to a point on the shoreline of an inlet to*
7 *Little Bay/South Bayou; thence run generally*
8 *easterly, westerly, and easterly along the shore-*
9 *line of the inlet to Little Bay/South Bayou and*
10 *along the northerly shoreline of Little Bay/South*
11 *Bayou a meandering distance of 12,127 feet,*
12 *more or less, to a point at the easterly end of*
13 *Little Bay/South Bayou; thence run North 33 de-*
14 *grees 02 minutes 51 seconds East 806 feet, more*
15 *or less; thence run North 06 degrees 17 minutes*
16 *53 seconds West 455 feet, more or less, to a point*
17 *on a marsh line; thence run generally westerly,*
18 *northwesterly, easterly, and westerly along said*
19 *marsh line a distance of 1,362 feet, more or less,*
20 *to a point that is North 10 degrees 05 minutes*
21 *33 seconds East from the POINT OF BEGIN-*
22 *NING; thence run South 10 degrees 05 minutes*
23 *33 seconds West 247 feet, more or less, to the*
24 *POINT OF BEGINNING.*

1 “(ii) That land marked as 1–A and 1–C on
2 the map entitled ‘Survey of Bayou Marie Ridge;
3 Units 1–A, 1–B, and 1–C’, dated February 10,
4 1969.

5 “(iii) That land marked as 19 and 20 on
6 the map entitled ‘Survey of Bayou Marie Ridge;
7 Unit 2–A’, dated July, 10, 1970.”.

8 (b) *ACQUISITION AUTHORITY*.—Section 2(a) of Public
9 Law 91–660 (84 Stat. 1967) is amended by inserting after
10 “consent of the owner.” the following: “The Secretary may
11 acquire, from a willing seller only, the property described
12 in paragraph (2)(A) of the first section of this Act.”.

13 (c) *REGULATION OF FISHING*.—Section 3 of Public
14 Law 91–660 (84 Stat. 1968) is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Secretary”;
16 and

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

18 “(b) The proviso in subsection (a) shall not apply to
19 the property described in paragraph (2)(A) of the first sec-
20 tion of this Act to the extent that such proviso relates to
21 fishing activities, including shrimping.”.

22 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS*.—Section
23 11 of Public Law 91–660 (84 Stat. 1970) is amended—

24 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

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

1 “(b) *In addition to the funds authorized by subsection*
2 *(a), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
3 *are necessary to acquire the property described in para-*
4 *graph (2)(A) of the first section of this Act.”.*

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