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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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In 1988, the Los Angeles Board of Edu-
6 cation voted to close Tweedy Elementary School in
7 the City of South Gate, California, due to concerns
8 about health risks at the site of the school.

9 (2) The school was temporarily relocated to
10 South Gate Park on park land that was originally
11 acquired with amounts provided by the Secretary of
12 the Interior from the land and water conservation
13 fund.

14 (3) In March 1991, the lease with the city that
15 allowed the Los Angeles Unified School District to
16 operate the school on park land expired, and no
17 progress had been made in constructing new facili-
18 ties to relocate the school and its students.

19 (4) In 1992, Congress enacted Public Law
20 102–443 (106 Stat. 2244), which authorized an 8-
21 year extension in the lease for the use of the park
22 land pending the construction of the new school.

23 (5) This 8-year extension is due to expire on
24 October 23, 2000, and little progress has been made

1 on the part of the Los Angeles Unified School Dis-
2 trict to relocate Tweedy Elementary School.

3 (6) In addition to the long-delayed Tweedy Ele-
4 mentary School relocation, recent studies have iden-
5 tified the need for additional educational facilities in
6 the City of South Gate, including a new high school,
7 junior high, and three primary centers in the near
8 future.

9 (7) The lack of commitment, oversight, and ac-
10 countability in finding a new site for Tweedy Ele-
11 mentary School must be corrected in any further
12 lease extension, and a similar situation also must be
13 avoided in addressing the construction of other edu-
14 cation facilities in the City of South Gate.

15 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY USE OF PARK**
16 **LANDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUR-**
17 **POSES, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA.**

18 Notwithstanding section 6(f)(3) of the Land and
19 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-
20 8(f)(3)), the City of South Gate, California, may extend
21 until October 23, 2004, the lease between the City of
22 South Gate and the Los Angeles Unified School District,
23 dated June 8, 1988, and otherwise subject to expire on
24 October 23, 2000, pursuant to Public Law 102-443 (106
25 Stat. 2244), regarding the use of approximately three

1 acres of South Gate Park as the temporary site for
2 Tweedy Elementary School.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON PROGRESS TO RELOCATE TWEEDY ELE-**
4 **MENTARY SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOL CON-**
5 **STRUCTION.**

6 (a) PERIODIC REPORTS REQUIRED.—As a condition
7 on the extension of the lease referred to in section 1 be-
8 yond October 23, 2000, the President of the Board of
9 Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District
10 shall require the preparation of periodic reports
11 describing—

12 (1) the progress being made to relocate Tweedy
13 Elementary School from South Gate Park to a per-
14 manent location; and

15 (2) the School District's construction plans for
16 a new high school, middle school, and 3 primary cen-
17 ters in the City of South Gate, California.

18 (b) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—Each report under sub-
19 section (a) shall describe—

20 (1) the progress being made in site selection
21 and acquisition, facility design, and construction;
22 and

23 (2) any factors hindering either the relocation
24 of Tweedy Elementary School or progress on the

1 School District's other construction plans for the
2 City of South Gate.

3 (c) SUBMISSION.—The reports required by subsection
4 (a) shall be submitted to the City Manager of the City
5 of South Gate, the Congress, the Los Angeles Board of
6 Education, and Padres Unidos Pro Nuevas Escuelas. The
7 first report shall be submitted not later than May 1, 2001,
8 and subsequent reports shall be submitted every 6 months
9 thereafter during the term of the extended lease.

Passed the House of Representatives October 12,
2000.

Attest:

Clerk.