

## Calendar No. 693

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**H. R. 4807****[Report No. 107-305]**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Public Works

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Reported by Mr. JEFFORDS, with an amendment

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**AN ACT**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

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 “Blackwater National  
5        Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Garrett Island, located at the mouth of the  
4 Susquehanna River in Cecil County, Maryland, is a  
5 microcosm of the geology and geography of the re-  
6 gion, including hard rock piedmont, coastal plain,  
7 and volcanic formations.

8 (2) Garrett Island is the only rocky island in  
9 the tidal waters of the Chesapeake.

10 (3) Garrett Island and adjacent waters provide  
11 high-quality habitat for bird and fish species.

12 (4) Garrett Island contains significant archae-  
13 ological sites reflecting human history and prehistory  
14 of the region.

15 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR INCLU-**  
16 **SION IN THE BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILD-**  
17 **LIFE REFUGE.**

18 (a) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of the Interior may  
19 use otherwise available amounts to acquire the area known  
20 as Garrett Island, consisting of approximately 198 acres  
21 located at the mouth of the Susquehanna River in Cecil  
22 County, Maryland.

23 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—Lands and interests acquired  
24 by the United States under this section shall be managed  
25 by the Secretary as the Garrett Island Unit of the  
26 Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

1 (c) PURPOSES.—The purposes for which the Garrett  
2 Island Unit is established and shall be managed are the  
3 following:

4 (1) To support the Delmarva Conservation Cor-  
5 ridor Demonstration Program.

6 (2) To conserve, restore, and manage habitats  
7 as necessary to contribute to the migratory bird pop-  
8 ulations prevalent in the Atlantic Flyway.

9 (3) To conserve, restore, and manage the sig-  
10 nificant aquatic resource values associated with sub-  
11 merged land adjacent to the unit and to achieve the  
12 habitat objectives of the agreement known as the  
13 Chesapeake 2000 Agreement.

14 (4) To conserve the archaeological resources on  
15 the unit.

16 (5) To provide public access to the unit in a  
17 manner that does not adversely impact natural re-  
18 sources on and around the unit.

19 **SEC. 4. ACCOKEEK CREEK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

20 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is established the*  
21 *Accokeek Creek National Wildlife Refuge in Stafford Coun-*  
22 *ty, Virginia, consisting of approximately 7,480 acres lo-*  
23 *cated between Accokeek Creek to the north and Potomac*  
24 *Creek to the south as depicted on Map 2 entitled “Proposed*

1 *Accokeek Creek National Wildlife Refuge*” contained in the  
2 *Final Environmental Assessment* dated October, 2000.

3 (b) *ACQUISITION AND ADMINISTRATION.*—The Sec-  
4 *retary of the Interior* is authorized to acquire from willing  
5 *parties by purchase, lease, exchange, and donation land*  
6 *within the boundary depicted on the map referenced in sub-*  
7 *section (a), which shall be administered by the Secretary*  
8 *in accordance with the laws (including regulations) relat-*  
9 *ing to the National Wildlife Refuge System.*



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