

Union Calendar No. 296

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3785

[Report No. 108–516]

To authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JUNE 1, 2004

Additional sponsors: Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. SHAW, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. KELLER, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. MEEK of Florida

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 10, 2004]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK.**

2 *Section 102 of the Everglades National Park Protec-*
 3 *tion and Expansion Act of 1989 (16 U.S.C. 410r–6) is*
 4 *amended—*

5 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

6 *(A) by striking “The park boundary” and*
 7 *inserting the following:*

8 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The park boundary”;*

9 *(B) by striking “The map” and inserting*
 10 *the following:*

11 *“(2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map”; and*

12 *(C) by adding at the end the following:*

13 *“(3) ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND.—*

14 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may ac-*
 15 *quire from 1 or more willing sellers not more*
 16 *than 10 acres of land located outside the bound-*
 17 *ary of the park and adjacent to or near the East*
 18 *Everglades area of the park for the development*
 19 *of administrative, housing, maintenance, or*
 20 *other park purposes.*

21 *“(B) ADMINISTRATION; APPLICABLE LAW.—*

22 *On acquisition of the land under subparagraph*
 23 *(A), the land shall be administered as part of the*
 24 *park in accordance with the laws (including reg-*
 25 *ulations) applicable to the park.”; and*

26 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(h) *LAND EXCHANGES.*—

2 “(1) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this subsection:*

3 “(A) *ADMINISTRATOR.*—*The term ‘Adminis-*
4 *trator’ means the Administrator of General Serv-*
5 *ices.*

6 “(B) *COUNTY.*—*The term ‘County’ means*
7 *Miami-Dade County, Florida.*

8 “(C) *COUNTY LAND.*—*The term ‘County*
9 *land’ means the 2 parcels of land owned by the*
10 *County totaling approximately 152.93 acres that*
11 *are designated as ‘Tract 605–01’ and ‘Tract*
12 *605–03’.*

13 “(D) *DISTRICT.*—*The term ‘District’ means*
14 *the South Florida Water Management District.*

15 “(E) *DISTRICT LAND.*—*The term ‘District*
16 *land’ means the approximately 1,054 acres of*
17 *District land located in the Southern Glades*
18 *Wildlife and Environmental Area and identified*
19 *on the map as ‘South Florida Water Manage-*
20 *ment District Exchange Lands’.*

21 “(F) *GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION*
22 *LAND.*—*The term ‘General Services Administra-*
23 *tion land’ means the approximately 595.28 acres*
24 *of land designated as ‘Site Alpha’ that is de-*

1 *clared by the Department of the Navy to be ex-*
 2 *cess land.*

3 *“(G) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means the map*
 4 *entitled ‘Boundary Modification for C-111*
 5 *Project, Everglades National Park’, numbered*
 6 *160/80,007, and dated April 30, 2002.*

7 *“(H) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LAND.—The*
 8 *term ‘National Park Service land’ means the ap-*
 9 *proximately 1,054 acres of land located in the*
 10 *Rocky Glades area of the park and identified on*
 11 *the map as ‘NPS Exchange Lands’.*

12 *“(2) EXCHANGE OF GENERAL SERVICES ADMINIS-*
 13 *TRATION LAND AND COUNTY LAND.—The Adminis-*
 14 *trator shall convey to the County fee title to the Gen-*
 15 *eral Services Administration land in exchange for the*
 16 *conveyance by the County to the Secretary of fee title*
 17 *to the County land.*

18 *“(3) EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE*
 19 *LAND AND DISTRICT LAND.—*

20 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable*
 21 *after the completion of the exchange under para-*
 22 *graph (2), the Secretary shall convey to the Dis-*
 23 *trict fee title to the National Park Service land*
 24 *in exchange for fee title to the District land.*

1 “(B) *USE OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE*
 2 *LAND.*—*The National Park Service land con-*
 3 *veyed to the District shall be used by the District*
 4 *for the purposes of the C-111 project, including*
 5 *restoration of the Everglades natural system.*

6 “(C) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.*—*On comple-*
 7 *tion of the land exchange under subparagraph*
 8 *(A), the Secretary shall modify the boundary of*
 9 *the park to reflect the exchange of the National*
 10 *Park Service land and the District land.*

11 “(4) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.*—*The map shall be*
 12 *on file and available for public inspection in the ap-*
 13 *propriate offices of the National Park Service.”.*

14 **SEC. 2. BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE.**

15 *Subsection (d)(3) of the first section of Public Law 93–*
 16 *440 (16 U.S.C. 698f) is amended by striking “The amount*
 17 *described in paragraph (1)” and inserting “The amount de-*
 18 *scribed in paragraph (2)”.*

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