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H. R. 620

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist the State of California or local educational agencies in California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within the Park.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The three elementary schools serving the
6 children of employees of Yosemite National Park are

1 served by the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary
2 School District and the Mariposa Unified School
3 District.

4 (2) The schools are in remote mountainous
5 areas and long distances from other educational and
6 administrative facilities of the two local educational
7 agencies.

8 (3) Because of their remote locations and rel-
9 atively small number of students, schools serving the
10 children of employees of the Park provide fewer
11 services in more basic facilities than the educational
12 services and facilities provided to students that at-
13 tend other schools served by the two local edu-
14 cational agencies.

15 (4) Because of the long distances involved and
16 adverse weather and road conditions that occur dur-
17 ing much of the school year, it is impractical for the
18 children of employees of the Park who live within or
19 near the Park to attend other schools served by the
20 two local educational agencies.

21 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
22 ize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental
23 funding and other services that are necessary to assist the
24 State of California or local educational agencies in Cali-

1 fornia in providing educational services for students at-
2 tending schools located within the Park.

3 **SEC. 2. PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS.**—For fiscal
5 years 2003 through 2007, the Secretary may provide
6 funds to the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School
7 District and the Mariposa Unified School District for edu-
8 cational services to students who are dependents of per-
9 sons engaged in the administration, operation, and main-
10 tenance of the Park or students who live at or near the
11 Park upon real property of the United States.

12 (b) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—Payments
13 made by the Secretary under this section may not be used
14 for new construction, construction contracts, or major cap-
15 ital improvements, and may be used only to pay public
16 employees for services otherwise authorized by this Act.

17 (c) **LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF FUNDS.**—Payments
18 made under this section shall not exceed the lesser of
19 \$400,000 in any fiscal year or the amount necessary to
20 provide students described in subsection (a) with edu-
21 cational services that are normally provided and generally
22 available to students who attend public schools elsewhere
23 in the State of California.

24 (d) **SOURCE OF PAYMENTS.**—

1 (1) AUTHORIZED SOURCES.—Except as pro-
2 vided in paragraph (2), in order to make payments
3 under this section, the Secretary may use funds
4 available to the National Park Service from appro-
5 priations, donations, or fees.

6 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—Funds from the following
7 sources may not be used to make payments under
8 this section:

9 (A) Fees authorized and collected under
10 the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of
11 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–4 et seq.).

12 (B) The recreational fee demonstration
13 program under section 315 of the Department
14 of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropria-
15 tions Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(c)
16 of Public Law 104–134; 16 U.S.C. 4601–6a
17 note).

18 (C) The national park passport program
19 established under section 602 of the National
20 Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 (16
21 U.S.C. 5992).

22 (D) Emergency appropriations for Yosem-
23 ite flood recovery.

24 (e) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act, the
25 following definitions apply:

1 (1) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—The
2 term “local educational agencies” has the meaning
3 given that term in section 9101(26) of the Elemen-
4 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

5 (2) EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.—The term “edu-
6 cational services” means services that may include
7 maintenance and minor upgrades of facilities and
8 transportation to and from school.

9 (3) PARK.—The term “Park” means Yosemite
10 National Park.

11 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR PARK FACILITIES TO BE LO-**
14 **CATED OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF YO-**
15 **SEMITE NATIONAL PARK.**

16 Section 814(c) of the Omnibus Parks and Public
17 Lands Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 346e) is
18 amended—

19 (1) in the first sentence—

20 (A) by inserting “and Yosemite National
21 Park” after “Zion National Park”; and

22 (B) by inserting “transportation systems
23 and” before “the establishment of”; and

- 1 (2) by striking “park” each place it appears
- 2 and inserting “parks”.

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