

108TH CONGRESS
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S. 324

To amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for certain trails in the National Trails System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM.**

4 (a) ACQUISITION OF LAND FROM WILLING SELL-
5 ERS.—Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
6 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (8), by adding at the end the
8 following: “No land or interest in land outside the
9 exterior boundaries of any federally administered

1 area may be acquired by the Federal Government
2 for the trail without the consent of the owner of the
3 land or interest.”;

4 (2) in paragraph (10), by adding at the end the
5 following: “No land or interest in land outside the
6 exterior boundaries of any federally administered
7 area may be acquired by the Federal Government
8 for the trail without the consent of the owner of the
9 land or interest.”; and

10 (3) in the fourth sentence of paragraph (11)—

11 (A) by striking “No lands or interests
12 therein outside the exterior” and inserting “No
13 land or interest in land outside the exterior”;
14 and

15 (B) by inserting before the period at the
16 end the following: “without the consent of the
17 owner of the land or interest”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 10(c)(1) of
19 the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1249(c)(1))
20 is amended by striking “the North Country National Sce-
21 nic Trail, The Ice Age National Scenic Trail,”.

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