

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3886

To require the Secretary of the Navy to comply with certain reversionary requirements related to property donated to the Navy for use as a Navy homeport whenever the property ceases to be used for that purpose.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Mr. ORTIZ (for himself and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. COMPLIANCE WITH REVERSIONARY REQUIRE-**
4 **MENTS RELATED TO PROPERTY DONATED**
5 **FOR USE AS NAVY HOMEPORT.**

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

7 (1) Sizeable quantities of economically valuable
8 property were donated to the Navy to assist in the

1 establishment of Naval Station, Pascagoula, Mis-
2 sissippi, and Naval Station, Ingleside, Texas.

3 (2) The donation of this property was made in
4 reliance upon plans by the United States to increase
5 the number of naval vessels in active service and to
6 establish vibrant long-term homeports for naval ves-
7 sels at Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Ingleside, Texas.

8 (3) The Navy has decided to reduce its home-
9 port infrastructure and close Naval Station,
10 Pascagoula, and Naval Station, Ingleside.

11 (4) It is unfair to require the donors of the
12 property that became Naval Station, Pascagoula,
13 and Naval Station, Ingleside, to reimburse the
14 United States for the fair market value of the
15 Navy's improvements at these installations since the
16 local communities never received the expected long-
17 term economic stimulus that supported the decision
18 to donate the property.

19 (5) The discretionary approach taken in section
20 2823 of the Military Construction Authorization Act
21 for Fiscal Year 2005 (division B of Public Law 108-
22 375; 118 Stat. 2132; 10 U.S.C. 5013 note) is insuf-
23 ficient to protect the interests of the local commu-
24 nities.

1 (b) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If real property that
2 was obtained by the United States by donation during the
3 period beginning on January 1, 1980, and ending on the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, for use as a Navy home-
5 port ceases to be used for that purpose, the Secretary of
6 the Navy shall comply with the terms of any reversionary
7 interest retained with regard to the property when it was
8 donated and promptly convey the property to the holder
9 of the reversionary interest.

10 (c) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—A conveyance under
11 subsection (a) shall convey all right, title, and interest of
12 the United States in and to the property subject to the
13 reversionary interest, including improvements thereon,
14 and shall be made without consideration.

15 (d) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED PROVISION.—Section
16 2823 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for
17 Fiscal Year 2005 (division B of Public Law 108–375; 118
18 Stat. 2132; 10 U.S.C. 5013 note) is repealed.

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