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H. R. 1387

To adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2007

Mr. MELANCON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jean Lafitte National
5 Historical Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act
6 of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND**
 2 **PRESERVE BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 901 of the National Parks
 4 and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 230) is amended
 5 in the second sentence by striking “of approximately twen-
 6 ty thousand acres generally depicted on the map entitled
 7 ‘Barataria Marsh Unit-Jean Lafitte National Historical
 8 Park and Preserve’ numbered 90,000B and dated April
 9 1978,” and inserting “generally depicted on the map enti-
 10 tled ‘Boundary Map, Barataria Preserve Unit, Jean La-
 11 fitte National Historical Park and Preserve’, numbered
 12 _____, and dated _____,”.

13 (b) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—Section 902 of the Na-
 14 tional Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 230a)
 15 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by striking “(a) Within the” and all
 18 that follows through the first sentence and in-
 19 serting the following:

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

21 “(1) BARATARIA PRESERVE UNIT.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
 23 acquire any land, water, and interests in land
 24 and water within the area, as depicted on the
 25 map described in section 901, by donation, pur-
 26 chase with donated or appropriated funds,

1 transfer from any other Federal agency, or ex-
2 change.

3 “(B) LIMITATIONS.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any private land
5 located in the area, as depicted on the map
6 described in section 901, may be acquired
7 by the Secretary only with the consent of
8 the owner of the land.

9 “(ii) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—On
10 the date on which the Secretary, under
11 subparagraph (A), completes the acquisi-
12 tion of a parcel of private land located in
13 the area, as depicted on the map described
14 in section 901, the boundary of the histor-
15 ical park and preserve shall be adjusted to
16 reflect the acquisition.

17 “(iii) JURISDICTION OF NATIONAL
18 PARK SERVICE.—Any Federal land ac-
19 quired in the areas shall be transferred
20 without consideration to the administrative
21 jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

22 “(iv) EASEMENTS.—To ensure ade-
23 quate hurricane protection of communities
24 located in the area, any land in the area
25 identified on the map that is acquired or

1 transferred shall be subject to any ease-
2 ments that have been agreed to by the Sec-
3 retary and the Secretary of the Army.”;

4 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
5 “The Secretary may also” and inserting the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(2) FRENCH QUARTER.—The Secretary may”;

8 (C) in the third sentence, by striking
9 “Lands, waters, and interests therein” and in-
10 sserting the following:

11 “(3) ACQUISITION OF STATE LAND.—Land,
12 water, and interests in land and water”;

13 (D) in the fourth sentence, by striking “In
14 acquiring” and inserting the following:

15 “(4) ACQUISITION OF OIL AND GAS RIGHTS.—
16 In acquiring”;

17 (2) by striking subsections (b) through (f) and
18 inserting the following:

19 “(b) RESOURCE PROTECTION.—With respect to the
20 land, water, and interests in land and water of the
21 Barataria Preserve Unit, the Secretary shall preserve and
22 protect—

23 “(1) fresh water drainage patterns;

24 “(2) vegetative cover;

1 “(3) the integrity of ecological and biological
2 systems; and

3 “(4) water and air quality.”; and

4 (3) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
5 section (c).

6 (c) HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING.—Section
7 905 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978
8 (16 U.S.C. 230d) is amended in the first sentence by
9 striking “, except that within the core area and on those
10 lands acquired by the Secretary pursuant to section 902(c)
11 of this title, he” and inserting “on land, and interests in
12 land and water managed by the Secretary, except that the
13 Secretary”.

14 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 906 of the National
15 Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 230e) is
16 amended—

17 (1) by striking the first sentence; and

18 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “Pend-
19 ing such establishment and thereafter the” and in-
20 serting “The”.

21 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES IN LAW.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any reference in a law (including
23 regulations), map, document, paper, or other record of the
24 United States—

1 (1) to the Barataria Marsh Unit shall be con-
2 sidered to be a reference to the Barataria Preserve
3 Unit; or

4 (2) to the Jean Lafitte National Historical
5 Park shall be considered to be a reference to the
6 Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title IX of the
8 National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
9 230 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “Barataria Marsh Unit” each
11 place it appears and inserting “Barataria Preserve
12 Unit”; and

13 (2) by striking “Jean Lafitte National Histor-
14 ical Park” each place it appears and inserting “Jean
15 Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve”.

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