

## Union Calendar No. 337

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4119

[Report No. 114-441]

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Mr. PALAZZO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

MARCH 2, 2016

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 19, 2015]

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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 “Gulf Islands National*  
5 *Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2016”.*

6 **SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEA-**  
7 **SHORE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.**

8        (a) *LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.*—*The Secretary of*  
9 *the Interior, acting through the Director of the National*  
10 *Park Service (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”)*  
11 *may convey to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5699 (in*  
12 *this section referred to as the “Post”) all right, title, and*  
13 *interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real prop-*  
14 *erty, consisting of approximately 1.542 acres and located*  
15 *within the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Jackson*  
16 *County, Mississippi, section 34, township 7 north, range*  
17 *8 east.*

18        (b) *LAND TO BE ACQUIRED.*—*In exchange for the*  
19 *property described in subsection (a), the Post shall convey*  
20 *to the Secretary all right, title, and interest of the Post in*  
21 *and to a parcel of real property, consisting of approxi-*  
22 *mately 2.161 acres and located in Jackson County, Mis-*  
23 *issippi, section 34, township 7 north, range 8 east.*

1       (c) *EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.*—*The values of the par-*  
2 *cels of real property to be exchanged under this section are*  
3 *deemed to be equal.*

4       (d) *PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.*—

5           (1) *PAYMENT REQUIRED.*—*The Secretary shall*  
6 *require the Post to cover costs to be incurred by the*  
7 *Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for such costs*  
8 *incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the land ex-*  
9 *change under this section, including survey costs,*  
10 *costs related to environmental documentation, and*  
11 *any other administrative costs related to the land ex-*  
12 *change. If amounts are collected from the Secretary in*  
13 *advance of the Secretary incurring the actual costs*  
14 *and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually in-*  
15 *curring by the Secretary to carry out the land ex-*  
16 *change, the Secretary shall refund the excess amount*  
17 *to the Post.*

18           (2) *TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.*—  
19 *Amounts received as reimbursement under paragraph*  
20 *(1) shall be credited to the fund or account that was*  
21 *used to cover those costs incurred by the Secretary in*  
22 *carrying out the land exchange. Amounts so credited*  
23 *shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account*  
24 *and shall be available for the same purposes, and sub-*

1        *ject to the same conditions and limitations, as*  
2        *amounts in such fund or account.*

3        *(e) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage*  
4        *and legal description of property to be exchanged under this*  
5        *section shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the*  
6        *Secretary and the Post.*

7        *(f) CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT.—The exchange of real*  
8        *property under this section shall be accomplished using a*  
9        *quit claim deed or other legal instrument and upon terms*  
10       *and conditions mutually satisfactory to the Secretary and*  
11       *the Post, including such additional terms and conditions*  
12       *as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-*  
13       *ests of the United States.*

14       *(g) TREATMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Land and in-*  
15       *terests in land acquired by the United States under sub-*  
16       *section (b) shall be administered by the Secretary as part*  
17       *of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.*

18       *(h) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARY.—Upon completion*  
19       *of the land exchange under this section, the Secretary shall*  
20       *modify the boundary of the Gulf Islands National Seashore*  
21       *to reflect such land exchange.*

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