

Union Calendar No. 323

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2897

[Report No. 115–436, Parts I and II]

To authorize the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service to enter into cooperative management agreements for the operation, maintenance, and management of units of the National Park System in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2017

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

DECEMBER 4, 2017

Reported from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Additional sponsor: Mr. BISHOP of Utah

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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. AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT**
4 **AGREEMENTS BETWEEN DISTRICT OF CO-**
5 **LUMBIA AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR**
6 **OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGE-**
7 **MENT OF UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYS-**
8 **TEM IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Mayor of the District of
10 Columbia and the Director of the National Park Service
11 may enter into cooperative management agreements under
12 section 101703 of title 54, United States Code, for the
13 operation, maintenance, and management of units of the
14 National Park System located in the District of Columbia,
15 including the design and construction of improvements to
16 such units.

17 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A cooperative man-
18 agement agreement entered into under this section may
19 include such terms and conditions as may be agreed to
20 by the Mayor and Director, including terms and conditions
21 relating to—

22 (1) the allocation of responsibility for the oper-
23 ation, maintenance, and management of a unit of
24 the National Park System between the District of
25 Columbia and the National Park Service; and

1 (2) the payment of funds by the National Park
2 Service and the District of Columbia in support of
3 the agreement.

4 (c) RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.—

5 (1) TREATMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AS
6 A STATE FOR PURPOSES OF COOPERATIVE MANAGE-
7 MENT AGREEMENTS UNDER TITLE 54.—Section
8 101703 of title 54, United States Code, is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

10 “(d) DEFINITION OF STATE.—For the purposes of
11 this section, the term ‘State’ means each of the several
12 States and the District of Columbia.”.

13 (2) ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT.—Nothing in sub-
14 chapter III of chapter 13 or subchapter II of chap-
15 ter 15 of title 31, United States Code (commonly
16 known as the “Anti-Deficiency Act”) may be con-
17 strued to prohibit the payment or use of funds by
18 the District of Columbia or the National Park Serv-
19 ice to carry out a cooperative management agree-
20 ment entered into under this Act, in accordance with
21 the terms and conditions of the agreement.

22 (3) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOME RULE ACT.—
23 Nothing in section 602(a)(3) of the District of Co-
24 lumbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.03(a)(3), D.C.
25 Official Code) may be construed to prohibit the Dis-

1 trict of Columbia from operating, maintaining, or
2 managing a unit of the National Park System in ac-
3 cordance with the terms and conditions of a coopera-
4 tive management agreement entered into under this
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