

Union Calendar No. 756

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6687

[Report No. 115-968]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistent with Congress' long-standing intent to maintain working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore's unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 28, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Reported with an amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on August 28, 2018]

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. MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY**

4 **IN POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE.**

5 *Public Law 87–657 (16 U.S.C. 459c, et seq.) is amend-*
6 *ed as follows:*

7 (1) *In section 5(b) (16 U.S.C. 459c–5(b))—*

8 (A) *in the first sentence, by striking “As*
9 *used in” and inserting the following:*

10 *“(1) As used in”;*

11 (B) *by striking “The term ‘agricultural*
12 *property’ as used” and inserting the following:*

13 *“(2) The term ‘agricultural property’ as used”;*

14 (C) *by striking “means lands which were in*
15 *regular use” and inserting “means—*

16 *“(A) lands under agricultural lease or permit as*
17 *of September 1, 2018, or lands that were in regular*
18 *use”;* and

19 (D) *by striking the period at the end and*
20 *inserting “; and*

21 *“(B) on the northern district of the Golden Gate*
22 *National Recreation Area, lands under agricultural*
23 *lease or permit as of September 1, 2018, or lands that*
24 *were in regular use for, or were being converted to,*
25 *agricultural, ranching, or dairying purposes as of*

1 *May 1, 1978, together with residential and other*
2 *structures related to the above uses of the property*
3 *that were in existence or under construction as of*
4 *May 1, 1978.”.*

5 (2) *In section 5 (16 U.S.C. 459c-5)—*

6 (A) *by inserting before subsection (a) the*
7 *following:*

8 “(a) *The Secretary shall manage agricultural property*
9 *consistent with Congress’ long-standing intent that working*
10 *dairies and ranches continue to be authorized to operate*
11 *on agricultural property as part of the seashore’s unique*
12 *historic, cultural, scenic and natural values.”; and*

13 (B) *by redesignating subsequent subsections*
14 *accordingly.*

15 (3) *In section 6 (16 U.S.C. 459c-6), by adding*
16 *at the end the following:*

17 “(c)(1) *In areas of agricultural property where Tule*
18 *Elk present conflicts with working ranches or dairies, the*
19 *Secretary shall manage the Tule Elk for separation from*
20 *the working ranches or dairies. To minimize the conflicts*
21 *and prevent establishment of new Tule Elk herds on agricul-*
22 *tural property, the Secretary may work with Indian Tribes*
23 *interested in the following:*

24 (A) *Partnering with the Secretary in the reloca-*
25 *tion and reestablishment of Tule Elk on Tribal lands.*

1 “(B) *Participating in hunting Tule Elk on a*
2 *subsistence or ceremonial basis.*”

3 “(C) *Other partnerships and activities that the*
4 *Secretary determines are suitable and feasible for this*
5 *purpose.*”

6 “(2) *Nothing in this subsection reduces or diminishes*
7 *the authority of the Secretary to use other existing authori-*
8 *ties or management tools to separate Tule Elk from agricul-*
9 *tural property.*”.

10 (4) *By adding at the end, the following:*

11 “*SEC. 10. Consistent with the purposes of this Act, in-*
12 *cluding section 5(a), the Secretary is directed to complete,*
13 *without delay, the General Management Plan Amendment*
14 *for Point Reyes National Seashore and the northern district*
15 *of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, its Environ-*
16 *mental Impact Statement, and, upon completion of the*
17 *Record of Decision, issue leases and special use permits of*
18 *20 years for working dairies and ranches on agricultural*
19 *property. Nothing in this Act requires the Secretary to issue*
20 *leases and special use permits of 20 years in circumstances*
21 *where there is no willing lessee, or to a previous lessee who*
22 *has abandoned or discontinued ranching.*”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California consistently with Congress’ long-standing intent to continue to authorize working dairies and ranches on agricultural property as part of the seashore’s unique historic, cultural, scenic and natural values, and for other purposes.”.

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