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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. Comer (for himself and Ms. Norton) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

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tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act”.

SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION OVER RFK MEMORIAL STADIUM CAMPUS TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Transfer.—The District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 (sec. 3–321 et seq., D.C. Official Code) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 8. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR LEASE TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

“(1) In General.—Effective on the date of the enactment of the D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act—

“(A) the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter referred to as the ‘Secretary’) shall transfer administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus (hereafter referred to as the ‘Campus’), including any improvements and existing facilities thereon, to the Administrator of General Services (hereafter referred to as the ‘Administrator’); and
“(B) the Administrator shall assume the responsibilities of the Director of the National Park Service under the lease described in paragraph (3).

“(2) SURVEY.—

“(A) REQUIRING SURVEY.—After the transfer of administrative jurisdiction under paragraph (1), the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, shall conduct a survey of the Campus, which shall determine the exact acreage and legal description of the Campus by a boundary survey prepared by a qualified Federally- or State-licensed surveyor who is approved by the Administrator.

“(B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Upon completion, the survey conducted under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

“(C) AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.—A copy of the survey conducted under
subparagraph (A), together with a map of the
Campus, shall be kept on file and available for
public inspection in the appropriate offices of
the National Park Service, the Department of
the Interior, and the General Services Adminis-
tration.

“(3) LEASE DESCRIBED.—The lease described
in this paragraph is the lease dated January 14,
1988, between the United States and the District of
Columbia for the use of the Campus, as authorized
by section 7(b)(1)(B) (sec. 3–326(b)(1)(B), D.C. Of-
ficial Code).

“(b) NEW LEASE TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

“(1) REQUIRING LEASE; TERMS AND CONDI-
tions.—Not later than 180 days after the transfer
of administrative jurisdiction under subsection (a) is
completed, the Administrator shall enter into a lease
without consideration with the District of Columbia
under which the District may use the Campus for
any of the following purposes, subject to such terms
and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Ad-
ministrator and the District, and subject to the ap-
proval of the National Capital Planning Commission
and the Commission of Fine Arts:

“(A) Stadium purposes.
“(B) Commercial and residential development.

“(C) Providing recreational facilities, open space, or public outdoor recreation opportunities.

“(D) Such other public purposes for which the Campus was used prior to June 1, 1985.

“(E) Such other public purposes for which the Campus was approved for use by the Secretary with the concurrence of the National Capital Planning Commission prior to June 1, 1985.

“(2) Specific requirements relating to use of Campus for commercial and residential development.—The lease entered into under this subsection shall include provisions to require the District of Columbia to meet the following requirements as a condition of using the Campus for commercial and residential development:

“(A) The District shall ensure that the development does not materially degrade or adversely impact any lands under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, including the restoration of the wetlands south of Kingman Island.
“(B) The District shall designate at least 30 percent of the Campus as parks and open space.

“(C) The District shall ensure that the development provides for improved public access to the Anacostia River and shall not interrupt the Anacostia River Trail.

“(D) The District shall, to the extent necessary, ensure that parking facilities are provided to accommodate residential and commercial development.

“(E) The District shall provide for adequate public safety and security measures and resources in the planning and ongoing management of the development.

“(F) The District shall carry out measures that, to the greatest extent practicable, will reduce the impact of noise and traffic on surrounding residential areas in the District.

“(3) INCLUSION OF SURVEY.—The Administrator shall incorporate in the lease entered into under this subsection the survey conducted under subsection (a)(2).

“(4) LENGTH OF LEASE PERIOD.—The lease entered into under this subsection shall be for a pe-
period of up to 99 years, and may be renewed for subsequent periods, as determined by the Administrator.

“(5) Termination of prior lease.—Effective upon the entering into of the lease under this subsection, the lease described in subsection (a)(3) shall terminate.

“(c) Termination of new lease.—

“(1) Grounds for termination.—The lease entered into under subsection (b) shall provide for the termination of the lease prior to its expiration if each of the following occurs:

“(A) The terms and conditions of the lease have not been complied with, as determined by the Administrator.

“(B) Such noncompliance has not been corrected within 90 days after written notice of such noncompliance has been received by the Mayor of the District of Columbia. Such noncompliance shall be treated as corrected if the District of Columbia and the Administrator enter into an agreement, with the concurrence of the National Capital Planning Commission, which the Administrator considers adequate to ensure that the property will be used in a man-
ner consistent with the purposes referred to in subsection (b).

“(2) TIMING.—No person may bring an action respecting a violation of any term or condition of the lease entered into under subsection (b) before the expiration of 90 days after the date on which such person has notified the Mayor of the District of Columbia of the alleged violation. The notice shall include notice of such person’s intention to bring an action to terminate the lease under paragraph (1).

“(3) COST OF REHABILITATING PROPERTY.—The lease entered into under subsection (b) shall provide that the District of Columbia shall bear the cost of removing structures or rehabilitating the property which is the subject of the lease if the lease is terminated under this subsection.

“(4) USE OF PROPERTY AFTER TERMINATION OF LEASE.—Any property which is the subject of the lease entered into subsection (b) shall, if the lease is terminated under this subsection, be administered as Federal property which may be considered for sale, lease, or exchange under section 412 of title IV of Division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3259).
“(d) Prohibiting Interested Parties From Benefitting From Development.—No Member of Congress, Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress, or any other official of the Government of the United States or the Government of the District of Columbia, shall be admitted to any share or part of the lease entered into under subsection (b) or to any benefit that may arise therefrom, including any contract or agreement made, entered into, or accepted by or on behalf of the United States or the District of Columbia as a result of such lease. Nothing in the previous sentence may be construed to apply to a person who is a shareholder or other beneficial owner of any publicly held corporation or other entity, if the lease is for the general benefit of such corporation or other entity.

“(e) Rules of Construction.—Nothing in this section may be construed—

“(1) to affect any obligations of the Secretary with respect to the Campus under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.); or

“(2) to require the Secretary or Administrator to pay any costs and expenses which are incurred by
the District of Columbia or any other party (other than the United States) at any time, including in connection with carrying out this section.

“(f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus’ means the approximately 142 acres of Federal land as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Anacostia Park, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Proposed Land Conveyance’, numbered 831/151,473, and dated July 2019.’

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Effective upon the date of the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus under section 8(a) of the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957, as added by subsection (a), section 7 of such Act (sec. 3–326, D.C. Official Code) is repealed.