

Union Calendar No. 374

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4789

[Report No. 109-634]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

Reported with an amendment, 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 *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 16, 2006]

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 “Douglas County, Wash-*
 5 *ington, PUD Conveyance Act.”*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *PUBLIC LAND.*—*The term “public land”*
 9 *means the approximately 622 acres of Federal land*
 10 *managed by the Bureau of Land Management and*
 11 *identified on the map as “_____”.*

12 (2) *MAP.*—*The term “map” means the map enti-*
 13 *tled “_____”, prepared by the Bureau of*
 14 *Land Management and dated _____, 2006.*

15 (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
 16 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

17 (4) *PUD.*—*The term “PUD” means the Public*
 18 *Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Wash-*
 19 *ington.*

20 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC LAND TO DOUGLAS COUN-**
 21 **TY, WA, PUD.**

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding the land use plan-*
 23 *ning requirements of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal*
 24 *Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712,*
 25 *1713), and notwithstanding section 24 of the Federal Power*

1 *Act (16 U.S.C. 818) and Federal Power Order for Project*
2 *2149, and subject to valid existing rights, if not later than*
3 *45 days after the date of completion of the appraisal re-*
4 *quired under subsection (b), the PUD submits to the Sec-*
5 *retary an offer to acquire the public land for the appraised*
6 *value, the Secretary shall, not later than 30 days after the*
7 *date of the offer, convey to the PUD all right, title, and*
8 *interest to the public land.*

9 *(b) APPRAISAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date*
10 *of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete an*
11 *appraisal of the public land. The appraisal shall be con-*
12 *ducted in accordance with the “Uniform Appraisal Stand-*
13 *ards for Federal Land Acquisitions” and the “Uniform*
14 *Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice”.*

15 *(c) PAYMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the date*
16 *on which the public land is conveyed under this section,*
17 *the PUD shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to*
18 *the appraised value of the public land as determined under*
19 *subsection (b).*

20 *(d) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of con-*
21 *veyance, any costs related to the conveyance under this sec-*
22 *tion shall be paid by the PUD.*

23 *(e) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—The Secretary shall*
24 *deposit the proceeds from the sale in the working capital*
25 *fund of the Bureau of Land Management established by sec-*

1 *tion 306 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act*
2 *of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1736).*

3 **SEC. 4. SEGREGATION OF LANDS.**

4 *(a) WITHDRAWAL.—Except as provided in section*
5 *3(a), effective immediately upon enactment of this Act, and*
6 *subject to valid existing rights, the public land is with-*
7 *drawn from*

8 *(1) all forms or entry, appropriation, or disposal*
9 *under the public land laws, and all amendments*
10 *thereto;*

11 *(2) location, entry, and patenting under the*
12 *mining laws, and all amendments thereto; and*

13 *(3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral*
14 *materials, and geothermal leasing laws, and all*
15 *amendments thereto.*

16 *(b) TERM.—This section expires two years from the*
17 *date of enactment of this Act or on the date of the comple-*
18 *tion of the sale contemplated in section 3 of this Act, which-*
19 *ever is earlier.*

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