

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4947

To expand the boundaries of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2006

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

A BILL

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Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes.

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 “Cahaba River National
5 Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) REFUGE.—The term “Refuge” means the
9 Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge and the
10 lands and waters in such refuge in Bibb County,

1 Alabama, as established by the Cahaba River Na-
2 tional Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act (Public
3 Law 106–331).

4 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF BOUNDARIES.**

7 (a) EXPANSION.—The boundaries of the Refuge are
8 expanded to include land and water in Bibb County, Ala-
9 bama, depicted as “Proposed National Wildlife Refuge Ex-
10 pansion Boundary” on the map entitled “Cahaba River
11 NWR Expansion” and dated _____.

12 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Secretary shall
13 make the map referred to in subsection (a) available for
14 inspection in appropriate offices of the United States Fish
15 and Wildlife Service.

16 **SEC. 4. ACQUISITION OF LAND AND WATER IN EXPANDED**
17 **BOUNDARIES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Sec-
19 retary may acquire by donation, purchase with donated
20 or appropriated funds, or exchange the land and water,
21 and interests in land and water (including conservation
22 easements), within the boundaries of the Refuge as ex-
23 panded by this Act.

24 (b) MANNER OF ACQUISITION.—All acquisitions of
25 land or waters under this section shall be made in a vol-

1 untary manner and shall not be the result of forced
2 takings.

3 (c) INCLUSION IN REFUGE; ADMINISTRATION.—Any
4 land, water, or interest acquired by the Secretary under
5 this section—

6 (1) shall be part of the Refuge; and

7 (2) shall be administered by the Secretary in
8 accordance with—

9 (A) the National Wildlife Refuge System
10 Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd
11 et seq.);

12 (B) the Cahaba River National Wildlife
13 Refuge Establishment Act; and

14 (C) this Act.

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