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To amend the Act establishing Lowell National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To amend the Act establishing Lowell National Historical Park, 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. AMENDMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—This Act entitled “An Act to pro-
5 vide for the establishment of the Lowell National Histori-
6 cal Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for
7 other purposes” approved June 5, 1978 (92 Stat. 290;
8 16 U.S.C. 410cc et seq.), is amended as follows:

1 (1) In section 1(b), by striking “to preserve and
2 interpret” and inserting “to preserve, interpret, and
3 promote”.

4 (2) In section 103(a)(2), by striking
5 “\$33,600,000” and inserting “\$43,930,000”.

6 (3) In section 201(b), by adding at the end
7 thereof the following new paragraph.

8 “(3) The Secretary shall submit to the Con-
9 gress a revised park management plan within 2
10 years after the date of enactment of this para-
11 graph.”.

12 (4) In section 203, by adding at the end thereof
13 the following new subsection:

14 “(c) The Secretary, acting through the National Park
15 Service, shall assume all responsibilities for administration
16 and oversight of the loan and grant agreements under sec-
17 tion 303 of this Act as were previously ascribed to the
18 Commission, upon its termination.”.

19 (5) In section 205, by adding at the end thereof
20 the following new subsections:

21 “(e) Any revenues or other assets acquired by the
22 Secretary by donation, the lease or sale of property or fees
23 for services shall be available to the Secretary, without fis-
24 cal year limitation, to be used for any function of the Sec-
25 retary authorized under this Act. The Secretary shall keep

1 financial records fully disclosing the amount and source
2 of revenues and other assets acquired by the Secretary.

3 “(f) The Secretary shall provide for audits of the fi-
4 nancial records of the park to be conducted not less fre-
5 quently than once each year in order to ensure that reve-
6 nues and other assets of the park are being used in a man-
7 ner authorized under this Act.”.

8 (6) In section 301(i), by striking “seventeen”
9 and inserting “twenty-two”.

10 (7) In section 303(a), by amending paragraph
11 (1) to read as follows:

12 “(1) The loan to the corporation shall have a
13 maturity of thirty-five years. At the end of such pe-
14 riod, the corporation shall repay to the Secretary of
15 the Treasury (in a lump sum) for deposit in the gen-
16 eral fund of the Treasury the full amount of the
17 loan and any additional amounts accruing to the
18 corporation pursuant to this subsection excepting
19 principal and interest losses occasioned by loan de-
20 faults after all reasonable efforts at collection have
21 been completed plus those amounts expended by the
22 Corporation for reasonable administrative expenses.
23 The Commission is further authorized to renegotiate
24 the terms and conditions respecting loan repayment

1 of the agreement dated December 8, 1980, with the
2 Lowell Development and Financial Corporation.”.

3 (8) In section 305(g), by inserting before the
4 period at the end thereof “for administration by the
5 National Park Service in accordance with the gen-
6 eral management plan”.

7 (9) By adding after section 307 the following:

8 “ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9 “SEC. 308. (a) Upon the termination of the Commis-
10 sion on the date specified in section 301(i), the Secretary
11 shall establish a committee to be known as the Lowell Na-
12 tional Historical Park Advisory Committee (hereinafter in
13 this section referred to as the ‘Advisory Committee’).

14 “(b) The Advisory Committee shall be composed of
15 15 members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

16 “(1) Three members who are members of the
17 city council of Lowell, appointed from recommenda-
18 tions made by the mayor of Lowell.

19 “(2) Four members appointed from rec-
20 ommendations made by the city manager of Lowell
21 of persons who are representative of organized labor,
22 the business community, local neighborhoods, and
23 cultural institutions, and who are not elected offi-
24 cials.

25 “(3) One member appointed from recommenda-
26 tions made by the Lowell Historical Society.

1 “(4) One member appointed from recommenda-
2 tions made by the chancellor of the University of
3 Massachusetts at Lowell.

4 “(5) Three members appointed from rec-
5 ommendations made by the Governor of the Com-
6 monwealth of Massachusetts of persons who must be
7 employees of the Massachusetts Historical Commis-
8 sion, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the
9 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Man-
10 agement.

11 “(6) One member appointed from recommenda-
12 tions made by the New England Foundation for the
13 Arts.

14 “(7) One member appointed from recommenda-
15 tions made by the National Trust for Historic Pres-
16 ervation.

17 “(8) One member qualified to serve on the
18 Commission because of his or her familiarity with
19 programs of the Department of the Interior involv-
20 ing national parks and historic preservation and who
21 shall be an employee of the Cultural Resources Cen-
22 ter of the National Park Service.

23 “(c) The Advisory Committee shall designate one of
24 its members as Chairperson.

1 “(d) Eight members of the Advisory Committee shall
2 constitute a quorum. The Advisory Committee shall act
3 and advise by affirmative vote of a majority of the mem-
4 bers voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present.
5 The Advisory Committee shall meet on a regular basis.
6 Notice of meetings and agenda shall be published in local
7 newspapers which have a distribution which generally cov-
8 ers the area affected by the park and preservation district.
9 Advisory Committee meetings shall be held at locations
10 and in such a manner as to ensure adequate public in-
11 volvement.

12 “(e) The Advisory Committee shall advise the Sec-
13 retary on the operation, maintenance, development, and
14 programming of the park and preservation district.

15 “(f) In order to provide staff support and technical
16 services to assist the Advisory Committee in carrying out
17 its duties under this Act, upon request of the Advisory
18 Committee, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to
19 detail any personnel of the National Park Service to the
20 Advisory Committee.

21 “(g) Members of the Advisory Committee shall serve
22 without compensation but shall be entitled to travel ex-
23 penses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the
24 same manner as persons employed intermittently in Gov-

1 ernment service under section 5703 of title 5, United
2 States Code.

3 “(h) The provisions of section 14(b) of the Federal
4 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix; 86 Stat.
5 776), are hereby waived with respect to the Advisory Com-
6 mittee.

7 “(i) Any vacancy in the Advisory Committee shall be
8 filled in the same manner in which the original appoint-
9 ment was made. Any member may serve after the expira-
10 tion of his term until his successor is appointed.”.

11 (b) GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as pro-
12 vided in subsection (c), the amendments made by sub-
13 section (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment
14 of this Act.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUTHORIZATION OF AP-
16 PROPRIATION.—The amendment made by subsection
17 (a)(2) shall take effect on October 1, 1994.

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