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H. R. 1207

To revise the master plan of Voyageurs National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To revise the master plan of Voyageurs National 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited at the “Voyageurs National
5 Park Revitalization Act of 1995”.

6 SEC. 2. The Act entitled “An Act to authorize the
7 establishment of the Voyageurs National Park in the State
8 of Minnesota, and for other purposes”, approved January
9 8, 1971 (84 Stat. 1971), as amended, is amended by add-
10 ing the following new section at the end of the Act:

1 “REVISION OF MASTER PLAN

2 “SEC. 501. (a) PROHIBITION OF WILDERNESS DES-
3 IGNATION.—The Secretary shall not take any action to
4 further the designation of any area within Voyageurs Na-
5 tional Park as wilderness under the Wilderness Act (78
6 Stat. 890).

7 “(b) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary
8 shall permit access and use of motorboats, aircraft, hiking,
9 and skiing, on all major lakes and bays within the park
10 and at least the following interior lakes—Beast, Cruiser,
11 Oslo, Locator, War Club, Quill, Loiten, Shoepack, Little
12 Trout, and Mukooda.

13 “(c) SNOWMOBILE USE.—Notwithstanding any pro-
14 vision of law, including but not limited to the Endangered
15 Species Act (87 Stat. 884), the Secretary shall permit ac-
16 cess and use of snowmobiles to the lakes listed in sub-
17 section (b) of this section.

18 “(d) STUDY ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.—The Sec-
19 retary shall undertake a study on the cost of constructing
20 and maintaining additional cross-country ski routes, snow-
21 mobile trails, hiking trails, camp sites, and overnight ski
22 huts to allow access to and use of the lakes listed in sub-
23 section (b) of this section. The Secretary shall complete
24 such study and report to Congress on the results thereof
25 within six months of the date of enactment of this Act.

1 “(e) HOUSEBOAT USE.—The Secretary shall author-
2 ize at least 200 houseboats to operate within the bound-
3 aries of the park.

4 “(f) REVISION OF MASTER PLAN.—Within one year
5 from the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
6 revise the master plan for the park to incorporate changes
7 mandated by this Act.”.

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