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H. R. 1407

To provide for the transfer of certain excess property at Fort Devens Military Reservation to the Secretary of the Interior for inclusion in the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, and for the conveyance of a parcel of property at such military reservation to the Town of Lancaster, Massachusetts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 1995

Mr. MEEHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, 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

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 “Oxbow National Wild-
5 life Refuge Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EX-**
2 **CESS PROPERTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **DEFENSE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The property described in sub-
5 section (b) shall transfer to, without compensation, and
6 be under the control of the Secretary of the Interior effec-
7 tive on any date on which the property is determined to
8 be excess property of the Department of the Defense.

9 (b) **PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**—

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in para-
11 graph (2), the property referred to in subsection (a)
12 consists of that portion of the Fort Devens Military
13 Reservation, Massachusetts, that is situated south of
14 Massachusetts State Route 2, as that portion is de-
15 scribed in a survey mutually satisfactory to the Sec-
16 retary of the Army and the Secretary of the Interior.

17 (2) **EXCLUSION OF PARCEL.**—The property re-
18 ferred to in subsection (a) does not include a parcel
19 consisting of approximately 100 acres located adja-
20 cent to State Highway 70, to be determined by a
21 survey that is mutually satisfactory to the Secretary
22 of the Interior, the Secretary of the Army, and the
23 Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster, Mas-
24 sachusetts.

25 (c) **INCLUSION OF PROPERTY IN REFUGE.**—Upon
26 the transfer of property to the Secretary of the Interior

1 under subsection (a), the property shall be part of the
2 Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge.

3 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO TOWN OF LANCASTER, MASSA-**
4 **CHUSETTS.**

5 The Secretary of Defense shall convey to the Town
6 of Lancaster, Massachusetts, all right, title, and interest
7 of the United States in and to the parcel of property de-
8 scribed in section 2(b)(2) promptly after any determina-
9 tion by the Secretary of Defense to dispose of the parcel.
10 The transfer shall be without cost to the Town of Lan-
11 caster.

12 **SEC. 4. CLEANUP RESPONSIBILITIES NOT AFFECTED.**

13 The transfer or conveyance of land under this Act
14 shall not affect responsibilities of the Secretary of Defense
15 or the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
16 Agency with respect to cleanup of the land under the Com-
17 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and
18 Liability Act of 1980 or any other Federal law.

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