

REVISING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK TO INCLUDE THE GETTYSBURG TRAIN STATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

APRIL 19, 2012.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1335]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1335) to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK BOUNDARY REVISION.

Section 1 of the Act titled “An Act to revise the boundary of the Gettysburg National Military Park in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes”, approved August 17, 1990 (16 U.S.C. 430g-4), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) **ADDITIONAL LAND.**—In addition to the land identified in subsections (a) and (b), the park shall include the following, as depicted on the map titled ‘Gettysburg National Military Park Proposed Boundary Addition’, numbered 305/80,045 and dated January 2010, if the owner of the property has provided written consent to inclusion:

“(1) The land and interests in land commonly known as the ‘Gettysburg Train Station’ and its immediate surroundings in the Borough of Gettysburg.

“(2) The land and interests in land located along Plum Run in Cumberland Township.”.

SEC. 2. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF LAND.

Section 2 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 430g-5) is amended by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following: “The Secretary is also authorized to acquire publicly or privately owned property within the area defined in section 1(d) by purchase, from willing sellers only, if efforts to acquire that property without cost have been ex-

hausted. The Secretary may not acquire property within the area defined in section 1(d) by eminent domain.”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1335, as ordered reported, is to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 1335 authorizes the inclusion of the site known as Gettysburg Train Station in the Borough of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and 45 acres located along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, Pennsylvania, into Gettysburg National Military Park.

The Gettysburg Train Station is the historic depot where President Abraham Lincoln arrived and departed via train in 1863, when he gave the historic Gettysburg Address. Currently, the depot is owned by the Borough of Gettysburg, but with this legislation may be transferred to the National Park Service. Its value is estimated to be approximately \$700,000. The other 45 acres, located in Cumberland Township, has already been donated to the National Park Service, but needs to be incorporated into the boundaries to be part of the National Military Park.

The Secretary of the Interior would be authorized to acquire the publicly-owned train station by purchase from willing sellers only if efforts to acquire it without cost have been exhausted. The bill authorizes no funding for this acquisition. H.R. 1335 specifically prohibits the acquisition of property within the areas of the Train Station and along Plum Run by eminent domain. Additionally, during full committee markup, the committee adopted an amendment offered by Congressman Rob Bishop (R-UT) to require written consent from owners before their property could be included into the boundary of the Park.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1335 was introduced on April 1, 2011, by Congressman Todd Platts (R-PA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. On October 4, 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On February 29, 2012, the Full Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands was discharged by unanimous consent. Congressman Rob Bishop (R-UT) offered amendment designated #1 to the bill; the amendment was approved by voice vote. The bill, as amended, was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(2)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

H.R. 1335—A bill to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes

H.R. 1335 would expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania to include two nearby properties. CBO expects that the National Park Service (NPS), which administers the park, would purchase a small parcel of land containing the newly refurbished Gettysburg Train Station and would accept (from the Gettysburg Foundation) the donation of a 45-acre tract of land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township.

Based on information provided by NPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1335 would cost about \$1 million over the next two years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. That sum would be used to purchase the train station and conduct minor development projects at the added sites. We estimate that annual costs to operate and maintain the new properties after that time would be minimal because the train station would continue to be operated by local or nonprofit organizations and the Plum Run acreage would be left undeveloped. Enacting H.R. 1335 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1335 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. If enacted, the bill would benefit the Borough of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Martin von Gnechten. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. Section 308(a) of Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures. Based on information provided by the National Park Service, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1335 would cost about \$1 million over the next two years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill, as ordered reported, is to revise the boundaries of the

Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates as defined under Public Law 104-4.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (new matter is printed in italic and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF AUGUST 17, 1990

(Public Law 101-377)

AN ACT To revise the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

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(2) *The land and interests in land located along Plum Run in Cumberland Township.*

SEC. 2. ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF LANDS.

(a) *GENERAL AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and interests in lands within the park by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, exchange, or otherwise. In acquiring lands and interests in lands under this Act, the Secretary shall acquire the minimum Federal interests necessary to achieve the objectives identified for specific areas and the park. *The Secretary is also authorized to acquire publicly or privately owned*

property within the area defined in section 1(d) by purchase, from willing sellers only, if efforts to acquire that property without cost have been exhausted. The Secretary may not acquire property within the area defined in section 1(d) by eminent domain.

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