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H. R. 3223

To direct the Army Corps of Engineers to allow certain entities to use a portion of collected recreational user fees for administrative expenses and for the operations, maintenance, development of recreational facilities or management of natural resources.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 14, 2011

Ms. FOXX introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. COLLECTION AND USE OF RECREATIONAL**
4 **USER FEES BY COOPERATING ASSOCIATIONS.**

5 (a) Section 225(b) of the Water Resources Develop-
6 ment Act of 1992 (33 U.S.C. 2328(b)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “operation and management of
2 recreation facilities and natural resources” and in-
3 sserting “operation, maintenance, development, or
4 construction of recreation facilities and management
5 of natural resources”; and

6 (2) by adding after the period, the following:
7 “Pursuant to such an agreement, the Secretary may
8 also permit the entity to (1) collect fees, on its own
9 behalf or on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers,
10 including entrance fees and user fees for the use of
11 recreation sites and facilities, whether developed or
12 constructed by the entity or by the Corps of Engi-
13 neers; (2) to retain up to 50 percent of the fees col-
14 lected to pay the entity’s administrative costs,
15 whether incurred on or off the premises where such
16 fees were collected; and (3) to reinvest the balance
17 of the fees, subject to the approval of the Corps of
18 Engineers, for the operation, maintenance, develop-
19 ment or construction of recreation facilities or the
20 management of natural resources on any project
21 lands at the lake or reservoir where such fees were
22 collected, including project lands beyond the geo-
23 graphic scope of the agreement entered into under
24 this section or lease entered into under section 4 of

1 the Act of December 22, 1944 (16 U.S.C. section
2 460d).”.

3 (b) Section 210(b) of Public Law 90–483 (16 U.S.C.
4 section 460d–3) is amended—

5 (1) In paragraph (4), by striking “All”, and in-
6 serting the following: “Except as provided in para-
7 graph (5), all”; and

8 (2) Adding at the end the following:

9 “(5) A local interest or not for profit entity
10 that has been granted a lease under section 4 of the
11 Act of December 22, 1944 (16 U.S.C. 460d) of
12 lands at a public recreation area located at a lake
13 or reservoir under the jurisdiction of the Army
14 Corps of Engineers, and that has entered into an
15 agreement with the Corps of Engineers under sec-
16 tion 225 of the Water Resources Development Act
17 of 1992 (33 U.S.C. 2328(b)) to collect fees and rein-
18 vest at least 50 percent of the fees collected, subject
19 to the approval of the Corps of Engineers, for oper-
20 ation, maintenance, development, or construction of
21 recreation facilities and management of natural re-
22 sources on any project lands at the lake or reservoir
23 where such fees were collected, may retain up to 50
24 percent of the fees collected to pay administrative
25 costs incurred by the local interest, whether incurred

1 on or off the premises where such fees were col-
2 lected.”.

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