

Union Calendar No. 706

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4338

[Report No. 118–865]

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LATURNER, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. CHU, and Mr. CROW

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 23, 2023]

A BILL

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Route 66 National Historic Trail, 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 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Route 66 National His-*
5 *toric Trail Designation Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HIS-**
7 **TORIC TRAIL.**

8 *Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16*
9 *U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
10 *lowing:*

11 “(33) *ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.*—

12 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Route 66 National*
13 *Historic Trail, a trail that includes all the*
14 *alignments of U.S. Highway 66 in existence be-*
15 *tween 1926 and 1985, extending along a route of*
16 *approximately 2,400 miles from Chicago, Illi-*
17 *nois, to Santa Monica, California, as generally*
18 *depicted on the map entitled ‘Route 66 National*
19 *Historic Trail, Proposed Route’, numbered P26/*
20 *141,279, and dated December 2017.*

21 “(B) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.*—*The map de-*
22 *scribed in subparagraph (A) shall be on file and*
23 *available for public inspection in the appro-*
24 *priate offices of the National Park Service, De-*
25 *partment of the Interior.*

1 “(C) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*The Route 66 Na-*
2 *tional Historic Trail shall be administered by*
3 *the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the*
4 *Director of the National Park Service. Such ad-*
5 *ministration shall be conducted in a manner*
6 *that respects and maintains the idiosyncratic*
7 *nature of the Route 66 National Historic Trail.*

8 “(D) *LAND ACQUISITION.*—*The United*
9 *States may not acquire for the Route 66 Na-*
10 *tional Historic Trail any land or interest in*
11 *land—*

12 “(i) *outside the exterior boundary of*
13 *any federally managed area without the*
14 *consent of the owner of the land or interest*
15 *in land; or*

16 “(ii) *that extends more than an aver-*
17 *age of one-quarter of a mile on either side*
18 *of the trail.*

19 “(E) *NO BUFFER ZONE CREATED.*—*Nothing*
20 *in this Act, the acquisition of the land or an in-*
21 *terest in land authorized by this Act, or the*
22 *management plan for the Route 66 National*
23 *Historic Trail shall be construed to create buffer*
24 *zones outside of the Trail. That activities or uses*
25 *can be seen, heard, or detected from the acquired*

1 *land shall not preclude, limit, control, regulate,*
2 *or determine the conduct or management of ac-*
3 *tivities or uses outside of the trail.*

4 “(F) *ENERGY.*—*Nothing in this Act, the ac-*
5 *quisition of land or an interest in land author-*
6 *ized by this Act, or the management plan for the*
7 *Route 66 National Historic Trail shall prohibit,*
8 *hinder, or disrupt the current or future develop-*
9 *ment, production, transportation, or trans-*
10 *mission of energy, including the construction or*
11 *maintenance of pipelines, renewable energy*
12 *projects, or other infrastructure for the develop-*
13 *ment, production, transportation, or trans-*
14 *mission of energy.*

15 “(G) *EMINENT DOMAIN OR CONDEMNATION.*—*In carrying out this Act, the Secretary of*
16 *the Interior may not use eminent domain or con-*
17 *demnation.”.*
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