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1ST SESSION

H. R. 3322

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct an education and administrative center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

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

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 “Bear River Migratory
5 Bird Refuge Visitor Center Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Bear River marshes have been a histor-
2 ical waterfowl oasis and an important inland water-
3 fowl flyway for thousands of years.—

4 (2) Congress created the Bear River Migratory
5 Bird Refuge as one of the first National Wildlife
6 Refuges, for the purpose of protecting waterfowl
7 habitat and migratory birds, educating the public re-
8 garding, and enhancing public appreciation of, wa-
9 terfowl habitat and migratory birds.

10 (3) The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge was
11 virtually destroyed by the devastating floods that oc-
12 curred between 1983 and 1985.

13 (4) Refuge employees, aided by volunteers, have
14 taken valiant actions to rebuild the Refuge by re-
15 storing habitat, increasing its attractiveness to wa-
16 terfowl, reducing waterfowl botulism, and providing
17 recreational and educational opportunities to the
18 public.

19 (5) The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
20 lacks a functional education and administrative cen-
21 ter.

22 (6) The creation of such a facility would signifi-
23 cantly enhance public appreciation of waterfowl and
24 the need to preserve waterfowl habitat.

5 For the purpose of this Act, the following definitions
6 apply:

(2) REFUGE.—The term “Refuge” means the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Box Elder County, Utah.

18 SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE EDU-
19 CATION CENTER.

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1 health of waterfowl habitat, and for the administration of
2 the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated \$11,000,000 to carry out
5 subsection (a).

6 **SEC. 5. MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) DONATION OF FUNDS AND SERVICES.—The Sec-
8 retary may accept donations of funds and services from
9 nonprofit organizations, State and local governments, and
10 private citizens for the construction of the Education and
11 Administrative Center.

12 (b) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Secretary may not re-
13 quire matching funds or contributions in kind with a com-
14 bined total value of more than \$1,500,000 for construction
15 of the Education and Administrative Center.

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