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To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Vancouver Barracks.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2001

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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 “Vancouver National
5 Historic Reserve Preservation Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Vancouver National Historic Reserve
2 (referred to in this section as the “Reserve”) in Van-
3 couver, Washington, contains several sites of histor-
4 ical importance, including—

5 (A) the former trading post of the Hudson
6 Bay Company, established in 1825;

7 (B) Vancouver Barracks, a major adminis-
8 trative outpost of the United States Army for
9 150 years;

10 (C) Officers Row, which is listed on the
11 National Register of Historic Places; and

12 (D) Pearson Airpark, the oldest contin-
13 ually operating airport in the United States;

14 (2) in accordance with section 502(b)(3) of the
15 Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act
16 of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 104–333),
17 a partnership comprised of representatives from the
18 National Park Service, the Historic Preservation Of-
19 fice of the State of Washington, the Department of
20 the Army, and the city of Vancouver, Washington,
21 has developed a comprehensive cooperative manage-
22 ment plan for the restoration of Vancouver Bar-
23 racks;

24 (3) the 16 buildings at Vancouver Barracks re-
25 ferred to as the “West Barracks” were vacated by

1 the Army in October 2000 and, for preservation pur-
2 poses, require significant repair;

3 (4) the Army Reserve and the Washington Na-
4 tional Guard actively use the portions of Vancouver
5 Barracks referred to as the “East Barracks”;

6 (5) the management plan for the Reserve rec-
7 ommends that the historic buildings at Vancouver
8 Barracks be preserved and primarily used for edu-
9 cational purposes and public activities;

10 (6) the State of Washington, the city of Van-
11 couver, Washington, and the Vancouver National
12 Historic Reserve Trust have pledged to financially
13 support preservation efforts at the Reserve;

14 (7) extensive planning efforts under the man-
15 agement plan for the Reserve have been completed,
16 and restoration and reuse efforts are proceeding as
17 planned;

18 (8) the historic Lewis and Clark expedition
19 passed by the Reserve on the final segment of its
20 historic expedition to the Pacific Ocean;

21 (9) the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis
22 and Clark expedition is scheduled to take place from
23 2004 through 2006;

24 (10) to accommodate the expected increase in
25 visitors to the Reserve during the commemoration of

1 the bicentennial celebration, the historic preservation
2 and reuse efforts at the Reserve should be contin-
3 ued; and

4 (11) to prevent the further deterioration of
5 Vancouver Barracks, the historic preservation of the
6 West Barracks should be expedited.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to increase
8 the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver Na-
9 tional Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Van-
10 couver Barracks at the Reserve.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 Section 502(d) of the Omnibus Parks and Public
13 Lands Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;
14 Public Law 104–333) is amended by striking
15 “\$5,000,000” and inserting “\$25,000,000”.

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