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H. R. 2240

To authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2011

Ms. TSONGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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 “Lowell National His-
5 torical Park Land Exchange Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 The Act entitled “An act to provide for the establish-
8 ment of the Lowell National Historical Park in the Com-

1 monwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes” ap-
2 proved June 5, 1978 (Public Law 95–290; 16 U.S.C.
3 410cc et seq.), is amended—

4 (1) in section 202, by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(d)(1) The Secretary may exchange any land or in-
7 terest in land within the boundaries of the park for any
8 land or interest in land owned by the Commonwealth of
9 Massachusetts, the city of Lowell, or the University of
10 Massachusetts Building Authority.

11 “(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), an ex-
12 change under this subsection shall be subject to the laws,
13 regulations, and policies applicable to exchanges of land
14 administered by the National Park Service and any other
15 terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be
16 necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

17 “(3) Where facilities or infrastructure required for
18 the management and operation of the Lowell National
19 Historical Park exists on the Federal land to be ex-
20 changed, and the non-Federal land or interest in land to
21 be exchanged is not of equal value, the values shall be
22 equalized by the payment of cash to the Secretary, which
23 shall be credited to a special account established in the
24 Treasury and retained, without further appropriation, for
25 the purpose of replacing the facilities and infrastructure.

1 The Secretary shall not be required to equalize the values
2 of any exchange conducted under this subsection if the
3 land or interest in land received by the Federal Govern-
4 ment exceeds the value of the Federal land or interest in
5 land exchanged.”; and

6 (2) in section 303(a)(1), by striking “thirty-five
7 years” and inserting “sixty years”.

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