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S. 2896

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to designate an entrance-fee-free date on September 17, 2026, at units of the National Park System to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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 “Semiquincentennial
5 Tourism and Access to Recreation Sites Act” or the
6 “STARS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVED FEES AT PUBLIC RECREATIONAL SITES IN**
2 **HONOR OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE**
3 **UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ENTRANCE FEE.—The term “entrance fee”
6 has the meaning given the term in section 802 of the
7 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
8 U.S.C. 6801).

9 (2) STANDARD AMENITY RECREATION FEE.—
10 The term “standard amenity recreation fee” has the
11 meaning given the term in section 802 of the Fed-
12 eral Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
13 6801).

14 (b) WAIVER OF FEES.—In honor of the
15 semiquincentennial of the United States—

16 (1) the Secretary of the Interior shall—

17 (A) designate September 17, 2026, as an
18 entrance-fee-free date on which admission is
19 free to all visitors with respect to each unit of
20 the National Park System or unit of the Na-
21 tional Wildlife Refuge System that charges an
22 entrance fee; and

23 (B) waive standard amenity recreation fees
24 on September 17, 2026, for each visitor to each
25 site managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-

1 ment or the Bureau of Reclamation that
2 charges a standard amenity recreation fee; and
3 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture shall waive
4 standard amenity recreation fees for September 17,
5 2026, for each visitor to each site managed by the
6 Forest Service that charges a standard amenity
7 recreation fee.

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