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H. R. 1696

To honor agreements reached in the acquisition of Santa Rosa Island,
California, by the National Park Service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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Rosa Island, California, by the National Park Service.

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. SANTA ROSA ISLAND SPECIAL USE PERMITS.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds and declares the
5 following:

6 (1) Channel Islands National Park was estab-
7 lished in 1980 by Public Law 96–199, and Santa
8 Rosa Island, California, was acquired by the Na-
9 tional Park Service for inclusion in Channel Islands
10 National Park in 1986.

1 (2) Vail & Vickers, Inc., a corporation estab-
2 lished under the laws of the State of California, has
3 owned and operated a viable ranch and hunting op-
4 eration on Santa Rosa Island since 1902 and has
5 proven itself to be an excellent steward of the land.

6 (3) When Channel Islands National Park was
7 expanded to include Santa Rosa Island, Vail & Vick-
8 ers, Inc. was repeatedly promised and assured that
9 it would be allowed to maintain its historic operation
10 for 25 years.

11 (4) When the Federal Government acquired
12 Santa Rosa Island from Vail & Vickers, Inc., in
13 1986, Vail & Vickers, Inc. was again assured it
14 could maintain its historic operation for 25 years
15 until 2011.

16 (5) The National Park Service has recently re-
17 leased a resources management plan for Santa Rosa
18 Island which, if implemented, would violate the as-
19 surances made to Vail & Vickers, Inc. and terminate
20 its historic operation.

21 (b) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MANAGEMENT
22 PLAN.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
23 National Park Service shall reissue Special Use Permit
24 Number WRO–8120–2600–001 with an expiration date of
25 December 29, 2011.

1 (c) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROPERTY ACQUI-
2 TION COMMITMENTS.—It shall be the policy of the Na-
3 tional Park Service to seek to honor all commitments
4 made, during the acquisition of property by the Service,
5 between the Service and the person from whom the prop-
6 erty is acquired, including any commitment by the Service
7 to reissue a special use permit except to the extent the
8 permit holder and the Service agree to revise the commit-
9 ment.

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