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H. R. 4207

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to convey the Mukilteo Light Station to the City of Mukilteo, Washington.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 1998

Mr. METCALF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. CONVEYANCE OF MUKILTEO LIGHT STATION,**

4 **WASHINGTON.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation shall convey to the City of Mukilteo, Washing-
8 ton, by an appropriate means of conveyance, all
9 right, title, and interest of the United States in and
10 to the Mukilteo Light Station, consisting of approxi-

1 mately 1.46 acres of land, the lighthouse structure,
2 a garage, 2 dwellings, and an office building.

3 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY.—The Sec-
4 retary may identify, describe, and determine the
5 property to be conveyed under this subsection.

6 (3) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may not con-
7 vey any historical artifact, including any lens or lan-
8 tern, located on the property at or before the time
9 of the conveyance.

10 (b) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance of property
12 under this section shall be made—

13 (A) without payment of consideration; and

14 (B) subject to the conditions required by
15 this section and other terms and conditions the
16 Secretary may consider appropriate.

17 (2) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—In addition to
18 any term or condition established under this section,
19 the conveyance of property under this subsection
20 shall be subject to the condition that all right, title,
21 and interest in the property shall immediately revert
22 to the United States if—

23 (A) the property, or any part of the prop-
24 erty—

1 (i) ceases to be used as a nonprofit
2 center for the interpretation and preserva-
3 tion of maritime history;

4 (ii) ceases to be maintained in a man-
5 ner that ensures its present or future use
6 as a Coast Guard aid to navigation; or

7 (iii) ceases to be maintained in a man-
8 ner consistent with the provisions of the
9 National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
10 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.); or

11 (B) at least 30 days before that reversion,
12 the Secretary of Transportation provides writ-
13 ten notice to the owner that the property is
14 needed for national security purposes.

15 (3) MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATION FUNC-
16 TIONS.—A conveyance of property under this section
17 shall be made subject to the conditions that the Sec-
18 retary of Transportation considers to be necessary to
19 assure that—

20 (A) the lights, antennas, sound signal, elec-
21 tronic navigation equipment, and associated
22 lighthouse equipment located on the property
23 conveyed, which are active aids to navigation,
24 shall continue to be operated and maintained by

1 the United States for as long as they are need-
2 ed for this purpose;

3 (B) the owner of the property may not
4 interfere or allow interference in any manner
5 with aids to navigation without express written
6 permission from the Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation;

8 (C) there is reserved to the United States
9 the right to relocate, replace, or add any aid to
10 navigation or make any changes to the property
11 as may be necessary for navigational purposes;

12 (D) the United States shall have the right,
13 at any time, to enter the property without no-
14 tice for the purpose of maintaining aids to navi-
15 gation; and

16 (E) the United States shall have an ease-
17 ment of access to and across the property for
18 the purpose of maintaining the aids to naviga-
19 tion in use on the property.

20 (4) OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The owner of
21 property conveyed under this section is not required
22 to maintain any active aid to navigation equipment
23 on the property.

24 (5) PROPERTY TO BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORD-
25 ANCE WITH CERTAIN LAWS.—The owner of property

1 conveyed under this section shall maintain the prop-
2 erty in accordance with the National Historic Pres-
3 ervation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) and
4 other applicable laws.

5 (c) MAINTENANCE STANDARD.—The owner of any
6 property conveyed under this section, at its own cost and
7 expense, shall maintain the property in a proper, substan-
8 tial, and workmanlike manner.

9 (d) OWNER DEFINED.—For purposes of this section,
10 the term “owner” means the City of Mukilteo, Washing-
11 ton, and any successor or assign of the City with respect
12 to property conveyed to the City under this section.

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