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# H. R. 439

To prohibit acquisitions of land or waters for the National Wildlife Refuge System if wildlife refuge revenue sharing payments have not been made for the preceding fiscal year.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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. LIMITATION ON ACQUISITIONS FOR NATIONAL**  
4       **WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.**

5       (a) LIMITATION.—No amounts may be expended by  
6       the United States in a fiscal year for acquisition of land  
7       or waters (or interests therein) for the National Wildlife  
8       Refuge System if the Secretary of the Interior has not

1 made all payments required for the preceding fiscal year  
2 by section 401(c)(1) of the Act of June 15, 1935 (16  
3 U.S.C. 715s(c)(1)).

4 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A provision of law  
5 enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act shall  
6 not be considered to amend, repeal, or otherwise modify  
7 or supersede subsection (a) unless the provision expressly  
8 refers to subsection (a).

9 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO LAND AND WATER  
10 CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965.—Subsection (b) of  
11 section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act  
12 of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–9(b)) is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 “(b) ACQUISITION RESTRICTIONS.—

15 “(1) USE FOR AUTHORIZED ACQUISITIONS.—

16 Appropriations from the fund pursuant to this sec-  
17 tion shall not be used for acquisition unless such ac-  
18 quisition is otherwise authorized by law: *Provided,*  
19 *however,* That appropriations from the fund may be  
20 used for preacquisition work in instances where au-  
21 thorization is imminent and where substantial mone-  
22 tary savings could be realized.

23 “(2) USE FOR WILDLIFE REFUGE ACQUI-  
24 TIONS.—Appropriations from the fund pursuant to

1       this Act shall not be used in a fiscal year for acquisi-  
2       tion of land or waters (or interests therein) for the  
3       National Wildlife Refuge System if the Secretary  
4       has not made all payments required for the preced-  
5       ing fiscal year by section 401(c)(1) of the Act of  
6       June 15, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 715s(c)(1)).”.

7   **SEC. 2. APPLICATION.**

8       Section 1 shall not apply to any acquisition the Sec-  
9       retary of the Interior is obligated to carry out under a  
10      contract entered into by the Secretary of the Interior on  
11      or before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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