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S. 2461

To extend the authorization for the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council and to authorize construction and operation of a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, New York and Pennsylvania.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO) 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. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR UPPER**
4 **DELAWARE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

5 Section 704(f)(1) of the National Parks and Recre-
6 ation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note; Public Law 95–

1 625) is amended in the last sentence by striking “20” and
2 inserting “30”.

3 **SEC. 2. VISITOR CENTER FOR UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC**
4 **AND RECREATIONAL RIVER.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) on September 29, 1987, the Secretary of
7 the Interior approved a management plan for the
8 Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, as
9 required by section 704(c) of the National Parks
10 and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note;
11 Public Law 95–625);

12 (2) the management plan called for the develop-
13 ment of a primary visitor contact facility located at
14 the southern end of the river corridor;

15 (3) the management plan determined that the
16 visitor center would be built and operated by the Na-
17 tional Park Service;

18 (4) section 704 of that Act limits the authority
19 of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land with-
20 in the boundary of the river corridor; and

21 (5) on June 21, 1993, the State of New York
22 authorized a 99-year lease between the New York
23 State Department of Environmental Conservation
24 and the National Park Service for construction and
25 operation of a visitor center by the Federal Govern-

1 ment on State-owned land in the town of Deerpark,
 2 Orange County, New York, in the vicinity of
 3 Mongaup, which is the preferred site for the visitor
 4 center.

5 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF VISITOR CENTER.—Section
 6 704(d) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978
 7 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note; Public Law 95–625) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(d) Notwithstanding” and in-
 9 serting the following:

10 “(d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) VISITOR CENTER.—For the purpose of
 14 constructing and operating a visitor center for the
 15 segment of the Upper Delaware River designated as
 16 a scenic and recreational river by section 3(a)(19) of
 17 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C.
 18 1274(a)(19)), subject to the availability of appro-
 19 priations, the Secretary of the Interior may—

20 “(A) enter into a lease with the State of
 21 New York, for a term of 99 years, for State-
 22 owned land within the boundaries of the Upper
 23 Delaware River located at an area known as
 24 ‘Mongaup’ near the confluence of the Mongaup

1 and Upper Delaware Rivers in the State of New
2 York; and
3 “(B) construct and operate the visitor cen-
4 ter on the land leased under subparagraph
5 (A).”.

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