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To authorize emergency appropriations for cleanup and repair of damages to facilities of Yosemite National Park and other California national parks caused by heavy rains and flooding in December 1996 and January 1997, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 1997

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) 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 “Yosemite Emergency
5 Restoration and Construction Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS**
2 **FOR CLEANUP AND REPAIR OF YOSEMITE NA-**
3 **TIONAL PARK.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 1997, to remain available
7 until expended.

8 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
10 rior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
11 use amounts made available under subsection (a) for
12 cleanup and repair of flood damage to the facilities
13 of Yosemite National Park and other national parks
14 in the State of California caused by heavy rains and
15 flooding in December 1996 and January 1997.

16 (2) INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.—Activities by the
17 Secretary under paragraph (1) shall include—

18 (A) repair, restoration, and, if appropriate,
19 relocation of infrastructure vital to operations
20 at Yosemite National Park, including roads,
21 trails, utilities, buildings, grounds (including
22 campgrounds), natural resources, cultural re-
23 sources, and lost and damaged property in the
24 park and at the El Portal administrative site
25 servicing the park;

1 (B) repair and, if appropriate, relocation of
2 Yosemite National Park employee housing and
3 the Resource Management Office;

4 (C) repair and, if appropriate, relocation of
5 concession-operated rental cabins, motel rooms,
6 rental structures, and concession employee
7 housing and facilities;

8 (D) repair, maintenance, and opening of
9 Tioga Pass Road in Yosemite National Park;

10 (E) repair and expeditious opening of
11 Highways 120, 140, and 41 in Yosemite Na-
12 tional Park;

13 (F) any other repair and restoration that
14 is necessary for the expeditious and complete
15 opening of Yosemite National Park;

16 (G) making emergency grants to satellite
17 communities around Yosemite National Park to
18 provide mass transit visitor transportation into
19 the park during repair and restoration activities
20 on access roads to the park; and

21 (H) repair and restoration of damage
22 caused by heavy rains and flooding in December
23 1996 and January 1997 at Redwood National
24 Park, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park,
25 Lassen Volcanic National Park, Whiskeytown

1 National Recreation Area, Devils Postpile Na-
 2 tional Monument, and Lava Beds National
 3 Monument.

4 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR YOSEMITE SATELLITE**
 5 **COMMUNITIES.**

6 Of any amounts made available under section 2(a),
 7 the Secretary shall make available not less than
 8 \$2,500,000 to make grants described in section
 9 2(b)(2)(G).

10 **SEC. 4. CAPITAL RECOVERY FROM CONCESSIONAIRES.**

11 To the extent practicable under the concession con-
 12 tract between the Secretary and Yosemite Concession
 13 Services, the Secretary shall recover from Yosemite Con-
 14 cession Services any amount used under section
 15 2(b)(2)(C).

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MASS**
 17 **TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR YOSEMITE NATIONAL**
 18 **PARK.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be ap-
 20 propriated to carry out this section \$7,000,000 for fiscal
 21 year 1998 and such sums as are necessary for each fiscal
 22 year thereafter.

23 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use
 25 amounts made available under subsection (a) to es-

1 tablish a mass transit system at Yosemite National
2 Park.

3 (2) INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.—Activities by the
4 Secretary under paragraph (1) shall include—

5 (A) using not more than \$1,500,000 for
6 the purchase of electric buses; and

7 (B) using not more than \$5,500,000 for
8 the purchase of alternative-fueled buses.

9 **SEC. 6. CONSISTENCY WITH PLANS.**

10 Activities at Yosemite National Park by the Secretary
11 under this Act shall be consistent with the Yosemite Gen-
12 eral Management Plan, the Concession Services Plan, the
13 Yosemite Valley Housing Plan, and the Valley Implemen-
14 tation Plan.

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