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OCTOBER 6, 2000

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area.

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 “Gaylord Nelson Apos-  
5       tle Islands Stewardship Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAYLORD NELSON APOSTLE ISLANDS.**

2 (a) DECLARATIONS.—Congress declares that—

3 (1) the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is a  
4 national and a Wisconsin treasure;

5 (2) the State of Wisconsin is particularly in-  
6 debted to former Senator Gaylord Nelson for his  
7 leadership in the creation of the Lakeshore;

8 (3) after more than 28 years of enjoyment,  
9 some issues critical to maintaining the overall eco-  
10 logical, recreational, and cultural vision of the Lake-  
11 shore need additional attention;

12 (4) the general management planning process  
13 for the Lakeshore has identified a need for a formal  
14 wilderness study;

15 (5) all land within the Lakeshore that might be  
16 suitable for designation as wilderness are zoned and  
17 managed to protect wilderness characteristics pend-  
18 ing completion of such a study;

19 (6) several historic lighthouses within the Lake-  
20 shore are in danger of structural damage due to se-  
21 vere erosion;

22 (7) the Secretary of the Interior has been un-  
23 able to take full advantage of cooperative agree-  
24 ments with Federal, State, local, and tribal govern-  
25 mental agencies, institutions of higher education,  
26 and other nonprofit organizations that could assist

1 the National Park Service by contributing to the  
2 management of the Lakeshore;

3 (8) because of competing needs in other units  
4 of the National Park System, the standard author-  
5 izing and budgetary process has not resulted in up-  
6 dated legislative authority and necessary funding for  
7 improvements to the Lakeshore; and

8 (9) the need for improvements to the Lakeshore  
9 and completion of a wilderness study should be ac-  
10 corded a high priority among National Park Service  
11 activities.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) LAKESHORE.—The term “Lakeshore”  
14 means the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

15 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
16 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
17 rector of the National Park Service.

18 (c) WILDERNESS STUDY.—In fulfillment of the re-  
19 sponsibilities of the Secretary under the Wilderness Act  
20 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and of applicable agency policy,  
21 the Secretary shall evaluate areas of land within the Lake-  
22 shore for inclusion in the National Wilderness System.

23 (d) APOSTLE ISLANDS LIGHTHOUSES.—The Sec-  
24 retary shall undertake appropriate action (including pro-  
25 tection of the bluff toe beneath the lighthouses, stabiliza-

tion of the bank face, and dewatering of the area immediately shoreward of the bluffs) to protect the lighthouse structures at Raspberry Lighthouse and Outer Island Lighthouse on the Lakeshore.

(e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 6 of Public Law 91–424 (16 U.S.C. 460w–5) is amended—

(1) by striking “SEC. 6. The lakeshore” and inserting the following:

**“SEC. 6. MANAGEMENT.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The lakeshore”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement with a Federal, State, tribal, or local government agency or a nonprofit private entity if the Secretary determines that a cooperative agreement would be beneficial in carrying out section 7.”.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated—

(1) \$200,000 to carry out subsection (c); and

(2) \$3,900,000 to carry out subsection (d).

Passed the Senate October 5 (legislative day, September 22), 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,

*Secretary.*