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To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 1999

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY) 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; REFERENCES.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Herit-
6 age Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999”.

7 (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly
8 provided, wherever in this Act an amendment or repeal
9 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,

1 a section or other provision, the reference shall be consid-
 2 ered to be made to a section or other provision of the
 3 Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage
 4 Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; title I of Public
 5 Law 103–449).

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Section 102 is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the
 9 Commonwealth of Massachusetts” after “State of
 10 Connecticut”;

11 (2) by striking paragraph (2);

12 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
 13 (9) as paragraphs (2) through (8), respectively;

14 (4) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated), by
 15 inserting “New Haven,” after “Hartford,”; and

16 (5) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated), by
 17 striking “regional and State agencies” and inserting
 18 “regional, and State agencies,”.

19 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET**
 20 **RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-**
 21 **RIDOR; PURPOSE.**

22 Section 103 is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and the
 24 Commonwealth of Massachusetts” after “State of
 25 Connecticut”; and

1 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to pro-
4 vide assistance to the State of Connecticut and the Com-
5 monwealth of Massachusetts, and their units of local and
6 regional government and citizens, in the development and
7 implementation of integrated natural, cultural, historic,
8 scenic, recreational, land, and other resource management
9 programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the
10 significant features of the land, water, structures, and his-
11 tory of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley.”.

12 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARIES AND ADMINISTRATION.**

13 Section 104 is amended—

14 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a)—

15 (A) by inserting “Union,” after “Thomp-
16 son,”; and

17 (B) by inserting before the period at the
18 end the following: “in the State of Connecticut,
19 and the towns of Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley,
20 East Brookfield, Holland, Oxford, Southbridge,
21 Sturbridge, and Webster in the Commonwealth
22 of Massachusetts, which are contiguous areas in
23 the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley, re-
24 lated by shared natural, cultural, historic, and
25 scenic resources”; and

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

2 “(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Corridor shall be man-
3 aged by Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., in
4 accordance with the management plan and in consultation
5 with the Governors.”.

6 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

7 Section 105 is amended—

8 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 **“SEC. 105. MANAGEMENT PLAN.”;**

11 (2) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

12 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
13 section (a);

14 (4) in subsection (a) (as so redesignated)—

15 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
16 “MANAGEMENT” before “PLAN”;

17 (B) by striking the first sentence and in-
18 serting the following: “The management entity
19 shall implement the management plan.”;

20 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “identi-
21 fied pursuant to the inventory required in sec-
22 tion 5(a)(1)”;

23 (D) in paragraphs (6) and (7), by striking
24 “plan” each place it appears and inserting
25 “management plan”; and

1 (5) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) GRANTS AND LOANS.—The management entity
3 may, for the purposes of implementing the management
4 plan, make grants or loans to the States, their political
5 subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other persons to
6 further the goals set forth in the management plan.”.

7 **SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

8 Section 106 is amended to read as follows:

9 **“SEC. 106. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon request of the manage-
11 ment entity, the Secretary and the heads of other Federal
12 agencies shall assist the management entity in the imple-
13 mentation of the management plan.

14 “(b) FORMS OF ASSISTANCE.—Assistance under sub-
15 section (a) shall include provision of funds authorized
16 under section 109 and technical assistance necessary to
17 carry out this Act.”.

18 **SEC. 7. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

19 Section 107 is amended by striking “Governor” and
20 inserting “management entity”.

21 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

22 Section 108 is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the pe-
24 riod at the end the following: “and the Common-
25 wealth of Massachusetts”;

(2) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts”;

(3) in paragraph (5), by striking “means each of” and all that follows and inserting the following: “means—

“(A) the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, the Windham Regional Council of Governments, and the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments in Connecticut (or any successor council); and

“(B) the Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Southern Worcester County Regional Planning Commission in Massachusetts (or any successor commission).”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term ‘management entity’ means Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the law of the State of Connecticut (or a successor entity).

“(7) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term ‘management plan’ means the document approved by the Governor of the State of Connecticut on February 16, 1999, and adopted by the management entity,

1 entitled ‘Vision to Reality: A Management Plan’,
 2 comprising the management plan for the Corridor,
 3 as the document may be amended or replaced from
 4 time to time.”.

5 **SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 Section 109 is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
 9 priated to carry out this title—

10 “(1) \$1,500,000 for any fiscal year; but

11 “(2) not more than a total of \$15,000,000.

12 “(b) COST SHARING.—Federal funding provided
 13 under this title may not exceed 50 percent of the total
 14 cost of any assistance provided under this title.”.

15 **SEC. 10. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

16 Section 110 is amended in the section heading by
 17 striking “**SERVICE**” and inserting “**SYSTEM**”.

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