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# H. R. 1524

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Votes for Women His-  
5       tory Trail Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTES FOR WOMEN HISTORY**  
2 **TRAIL AS FEATURE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS NA-**  
3 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

4 Title XVI of Public Law 96–607, which established  
5 the Women’s Rights National Historical Park, is amended  
6 by inserting after section 1601 (16 U.S.C. 410*ll*) the fol-  
7 lowing new section:

8 **“SEC. 1602. VOTES FOR WOMEN HISTORY TRAIL.**

9 “(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

10 “(1) The women’s rights movement is one of  
11 the three great protest traditions in United States  
12 history, sharing that status with the struggle for ra-  
13 cial equality and the labor movement.

14 “(2) There is an opportunity for the Women’s  
15 Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls and  
16 Waterloo, New York, to work in partnership with  
17 historically and thematically related properties in the  
18 corridor between Syracuse and Rochester, New  
19 York, to tell the story of the 72-year fight for wom-  
20 en’s suffrage.

21 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAIL.—The Secretary of  
22 the Interior shall establish an auto tour route, to be known  
23 as the ‘Votes for Women History Trail’, to link properties  
24 in the State of New York that are historically and themati-  
25 cally associated with the struggle for women’s suffrage in  
26 the United States.

1       “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Votes for Women His-  
2 tory Trail shall be administered by the National Park  
3 Service through the Women’s Rights National Historical  
4 Park.

5       “(d) ACTIVITIES.—To facilitate the establishment of  
6 the Votes for Women History Trail and the dissemination  
7 of information regarding the Trail, the Secretary shall—

8               “(1) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-  
9 cational materials regarding the Trail, such as hand-  
10 books, maps, exhibits, signs, interpretive guides, and  
11 electronic information;

12              “(2) coordinate the management, planning, and  
13 standards of the auto route in partnership with par-  
14 ticipating properties, other Federal agencies, and  
15 State and local governments;

16              “(3) create and adopt an official, uniform sym-  
17 bol or device to mark the Votes for Women History  
18 Trail; and

19              “(4) issue guidelines for the use of such symbol  
20 or device.

21       “(e) ELEMENTS OF TRAIL.—The Secretary may des-  
22 ignate as an official stop on the Votes for Women History  
23 Trail any of the following properties, subject to the con-  
24 sent of the owner of the property:

1           “(1) All units and programs of Women’s Rights  
2       National Historical Park that pertain to the struggle  
3       for women’s suffrage.

4           “(2) Other Federal, State, local, and privately  
5       owned properties that the Secretary determines have  
6       a verifiable connection to the struggle for women’s  
7       suffrage.

8           “(3) Other governmental and nongovernmental  
9       facilities and programs of an educational, commemo-  
10      rative, research, or interpretive nature that the Sec-  
11      retary determines to be directly related to the strug-  
12      gle for women’s suffrage.

13          “(f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA  
14      OF UNDERSTANDING.—

15           “(1) AUTHORIZED.—To facilitate the establish-  
16      ment of the Votes for Women History Trail and to  
17      ensure effective coordination of the Federal and non-  
18      Federal properties designated as stops along the  
19      Trail, the Secretary may enter into cooperative  
20      agreements and memorandums of understanding  
21      with, and provide technical and financial assistance  
22      to, other Federal agencies, the State of New York,  
23      localities, regional governmental bodies, and private  
24      entities.

1           “(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2           There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
3           retary of the Interior \$250,000 for each of the fiscal  
4           years 2004 through 2008 to provide financial assist-  
5           ance to cooperating properties pursuant to agree-  
6           ments or memorandums entered into under para-  
7           graph (1). Amounts authorized for financial assist-  
8           ance but not appropriated in a fiscal year shall be  
9           available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal  
10          years.”.

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