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To provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION FOR PARK FACILITIES TO BE**
2 **LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF YO-**
3 **SEMITE NATIONAL PARK.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—In order to facilitate the ad-
5 ministration of Yosemite National Park, the Secretary of
6 the Interior is authorized, under such terms and condi-
7 tions as the Secretary may deem advisable, to expend do-
8 nated funds, funds collected from user fees, or appro-
9 priated funds for the planning, design, construction of,
10 and related activities for, essential facilities for Park and
11 concessions administration and visitor use outside the
12 boundaries, but within the vicinity, of the Park. Such fa-
13 cilities and the use thereof shall be in conformity with ap-
14 proved plans for the Park. Such facilities may only be con-
15 structed by the Secretary upon a finding that the facilities
16 are necessary for Park operation, and that the location
17 of such facilities would—

- 18 (1) avoid undue degradation of natural or cul-
19 tural resources within the Park;
20 (2) enhance service to the public; or
21 (3) provide a cost saving to the Federal Govern-
22 ment.

23 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
24 may enter into cooperative agreements with local govern-
25 ments or private entities to undertake the activities grant-
26 ed under this section. The Secretary is encouraged to iden-

1 tify and use alternative funding sources to supplement any
2 Federal funding used for these facilities.

3 **SEC. 2. PLANNING; TRANSPORTATION; VISITOR SERVICE**
4 **PROJECTS.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary shall allocate
6 amounts made available under section 1(a) to carry out
7 the following activities:

8 (1) Planning and restoration of low-impact
9 camping at upper and lower river campgrounds. The
10 Secretary may use amounts appropriated to the Sec-
11 retary for flood recovery in the Yosemite Valley to
12 carry out planning (including environmental docu-
13 mentation) and development related to the activities
14 required under this paragraph.

15 (2) Construction and maintenance of the max-
16 imum amount of parking available at Camp 6 and
17 adjacent previously impacted lands.

18 (3) Cooperation and participation (including the
19 provision of technical and financial assistance) with
20 governments of counties located in the vicinity of the
21 Park for the preparation of county general and spe-
22 cific plans related to determining the feasibility of
23 locating park administrative facilities, visitor services
24 and facilities, housing, or other facilities necessary
25 for Park operations outside the boundaries of the

1 Park. Not later than December 31, 2003, and annu-
2 ally thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
3 Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-
4 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
5 Resources of the Senate a description of the actions
6 that the Secretary has taken under this paragraph.

7 (4) Consistent with the projects described in
8 paragraphs (1) through (3), development of traffic
9 management and traveler information services, sign-
10 age, and circulation improvements.

11 (5) Provision of housing for employees of the
12 Federal Government and employees of conces-
13 sionaires related to the Park who are required as a
14 condition of employment to reside in Yosemite Val-
15 ley. Notwithstanding the last sentence of section
16 814(a)(8) of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands
17 Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 170 note; 110
18 Stat. 4192), for employee housing requirements out-
19 side of Yosemite Valley, the Secretary shall use part-
20 nerships with private entities whenever practicable
21 and cost effective, including through leases and lease
22 agreements. Guarantees to carry out this paragraph
23 shall not apply against the limitation in the last sen-
24 tence of such section 814(a)(8).

1 (6) Entering into and carrying out cooperative
2 agreements with the Yosemite Area Regional Trans-
3 portation System Joint Powers Authority to trans-
4 port employees of the Federal Government and em-
5 ployees of concessionaires related to the Park to and
6 from the Park for the purposes of their employment.

7 (7) Removal of the Le Conte Memorial, a pri-
8 vate special use, from the Park and restoration of
9 the grounds of that memorial to its natural state.

10 (b) PROHIBITED PROJECTS.—The Secretary may not
11 allocate amounts described in section 1(a) to implement
12 a shuttle system which uses remote parking facilities or
13 includes operations outside of the boundaries of Yosemite
14 Valley.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions
17 apply:

18 (1) PARK.—The term “Park” means Yosemite
19 National Park.

20 (2) RECORD OF DECISION.—The term “Record
21 of Decision” means the record of decision entitled
22 “Final Yosemite Valley Plan Supplemental Environ-
23 mental Impact Statement” dated December 29,
24 2000.

- 1 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

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