

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 987

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Mr. HERGER (for himself and Mr. DOOLITTLE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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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 “Wild and Scenic Rivers
5 Congressional Involvement Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCESS FOR INCLUSION OF STATE DESIGNATED**
2 **WILD, SCENIC, AND RECREATIONAL RIVERS**
3 **IN NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYS-**
4 **TEM.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL ROLE.—Section 2(a) of the
6 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1273(a)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) in clause (ii) of the first sentence, by strik-
9 ing “that are found by the Secretary of the Interior”
10 and all that follows through “Virginia State line.”
11 and inserting “and that are authorized for inclusion
12 in the national wild and scenic rivers system by an
13 Act of Congress following the submission of an ap-
14 plication to the Secretary of the Interior by the Gov-
15 ernor of the State or the Governors of the States
16 concerned, or a person or persons duly appointed by
17 such Governor or Governors.”;

18 (2) in the second sentence, by inserting “and
19 submit to Congress a report regarding whether each
20 State designated river specified in the application
21 meets the criteria for inclusion in the national wild
22 and scenic rivers system” after “Register”; and

23 (3) in the third sentence, by striking “des-
24 ignated under clause (ii)” and inserting “authorized
25 for inclusion in the national wild and scenic rivers
26 system by an Act of Congress under clause (ii)”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Such section is
2 amended in the fourth sentence by striking “Act of 1965”
3 and inserting “Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–4 et
4 seq.)”.

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