

Union Calendar No. 106

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1905

[Report No. 109–169, Part I]

To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2005

Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JULY 14, 2005

Reported from the Committee on Resources

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Committee on Agriculture discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Small Tracts Reform
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF EXCHANGE OF SMALL TRACTS.**

5 (a) EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF LANDS FOR
6 SALE OR EXCHANGE.—Section 3 of Public Law 97–465
7 (16 U.S.C. 521e; section 3 of the Act commonly known
8 as the Small Tracts Act) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “not practicable” and inserting
10 “either not practicable or not expedient”;

11 (2) by striking “, which have a value as deter-
12 mined by the Secretary of not more than
13 \$150,000,”; and

14 (3) in paragraph (1)—

15 (A) by striking “parcels of forty acres”
16 and inserting “parcels or portions of parcels of
17 100 acres”; and

18 (B) by striking “under the mining laws”.

19 (b) RULES OR REGULATIONS NOT REQUIRED.—
20 Nothing in the amendments made by this Act shall require
21 the Forest Service to issue rules or regulations prior to
22 any sale, exchange, or interchange under Public Law 97–
23 465 (16 U.S.C. 521c et seq.).

24 (c) SPECIAL CASES.—The Forest Supervisor may
25 complete the following interchanges under Public Law 97–

1 465 (16 U.S.C. 521c et seq.), as amended by subsection
2 (a):

3 (1) An acquisition from Irving N. Christensen
4 of that portion of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, T.19N.,
5 R.9E., MDM., lying southwesterly of California
6 State Highway 49 and all that portion of S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
7 Section 17, T.19N., R.9E., MDM., lying southwest-
8 erly of California State Highway 49 and northeast-
9 erly of the North Fork Yuba River, through inter-
10 change of an approximately equal value of National
11 Forest System land lying northerly of California
12 State Highway 49 within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 17,
13 T.19N., R.9E., MDM. The Federal land to be inter-
14 changed within the specifications of this paragraph
15 shall be agreed upon by the Forest Supervisor and
16 Irving N. Christensen.

17 (2) An acquisition from Dennis W. McCreary
18 and Cindy M. McCreary of a portion of Lot 19, Sec-
19 tion 35, T.20N., R.10E., MDM in Downieville, Si-
20 erra County, California, through interchange of a
21 portion of National Forest System land in Lot 121,
22 Section 35, T.20N., R.10E., MDM in Downieville,
23 Sierra County, California. The Federal land to be
24 interchanged within the specifications of this para-

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- 2 and Dennis W. McCreary and Cindy M. McCreary.

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