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H. R. 2693

To amend the Great Ape Conservation Act to reauthorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide project grants and emergency assistance to address critical great ape conservation needs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself and Mr. BAIRD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Ape Conserva-
5 tion Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF GREAT APE CONSERVATION FUND TO SUP-**
2 **PORT CONSERVATION NEEDS ARISING FROM**
3 **THE 2004 TSUNAMI.**

4 Section 5(b) of the Great Ape Conservation Act (16
5 U.S.C. 6304(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(3) USE TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION NEEDS
8 ARISING FROM THE 2004 TSUNAMI.—In addition to
9 the other uses authorized under this subsection, the
10 Secretary may use amounts in the Fund to provide
11 emergency financial and technical assistance to ad-
12 dress critical great ape conservation needs in Aceh
13 Province, Indonesia, arising from the tsunami of De-
14 cember 2004, including for the following:

15 “(A) To support the Aceh provincial na-
16 ture conservation department in activities to re-
17 store institutional capacity, equipment replace-
18 ment, and conservation personnel training.

19 “(B) To integrate wildlife habitat and bio-
20 diversity conservation into post-disaster recov-
21 ery programs and activities.

22 “(C) To strengthen the Aceh provincial na-
23 ture conservation department to protect signifi-
24 cant great ape habitat.

25 “(D) To support efforts to identify and
26 provide alternative sustainable sources of tim-

1 ber resources for re-building materials to limit
2 and reduce unsustainable logging practices and
3 great ape forest habitat loss.”.

4 **SEC. 3. APPROVAL OF PROJECTS TO ADDRESS ROOT**
5 **CAUSES OF THREATS TO APES IN RANGE**
6 **STATES.**

7 Section 4(d) of the Great Ape Conservation Act (16
8 U.S.C. 6303(d)) is amended by striking “or” after the
9 semicolon at the end of paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end of paragraph (5) and inserting “; or” and
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 “(6) address root causes of threats to great
13 apes in range states, including illegal bushmeat
14 trade, diseases, lack of regional capacity for con-
15 servation, and habitat loss due to natural disas-
16 ters.”.

17 **SEC. 4. MEETINGS OF PANEL.**

18 Section 4(i) of the Great Ape Conservation Act (16
19 U.S.C. 6303(i)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing: “The Secretary shall convene such panel by not
21 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
22 the Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization and Tsunami
23 Assistance Act of 2005, and quadrennially thereafter. The
24 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.) shall not
25 apply to such panel.”.

1 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

2 Section 5(b)(2) of the Great Ape Conservation Act
3 (16 U.S.C. 6304(b)(2)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “expanded” and inserting “ex-
5 pended”; and

6 (2) by striking “\$80,000” and inserting
7 “\$100,000”.

8 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 Section 6 of the Great Ape Conservation Act (16
10 U.S.C. 6305) is amended by striking “2001 through
11 2005.” and inserting “2006 through 2010, of which
12 \$1,000,000 may be used to provide emergency assistance
13 under section 4(d)(6) or 5(b)(3).”.

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