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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CHRISTENSEN 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 “Virgin Islands Na-
5 tional Park Land Exchange Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL**
2 **PARK.**

3 (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
4 the Interior may convey to the Government of the United
5 States Virgin Islands all right, title, and interest of the
6 United States in and to the parcel of real property, includ-
7 ing any improvements thereon, located within the bound-
8 aries of Virgin Islands National Park on the island of
9 Saint John, Virgin Islands, and depicted as “NPS Lands
10 for Conveyance” on the map entitled “Virgin Islands Na-
11 tional Park Land Exchange”, numbered
12 _____, and dated _____ 2005, for the
13 purpose of providing a suitable location for the establish-
14 ment of a school by the Government of the United States
15 Virgin Islands on the island.

16 (b) CONSIDERATION.—(1) As consideration for the
17 conveyance of the real property under subsection (a), the
18 Government of the United States Virgin Islands shall con-
19 vey to the Secretary the parcel of real property, including
20 any improvements thereon, depicted as “Lands for NPS
21 Acquisition” on the map referred to in subsection (a).

22 (2) If the fair market value of the real property re-
23 ceived under paragraph (1) is less than the fair market
24 value of the real property conveyed under subsection (a),
25 the Secretary may require the Government of the United
26 States Virgin Islands to make up the difference through

1 the payment of cash, the provision of in-kind consider-
2 ation, or a combination thereof, to be determined pursuant
3 to negotiations between the Secretary and the Government
4 of the United States Virgin Islands.

5 (3) The fair market values of the real property to
6 be exchanged under this section shall be determined by
7 appraisals acceptable to the Secretary and the Govern-
8 ment of the United States Virgin Islands.

9 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in
10 subsection (a) shall be on file and available for public in-
11 spection in the appropriate offices of the National Park
12 Service.

13 (d) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Upon completion of
14 the land exchange under this section, the Secretary shall
15 revise the boundaries of Virgin Islands National Park to
16 reflect the exchange and shall administer the real property
17 acquired under subsection (b) as part of Virgin Islands
18 National Park.

19 (e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
20 Secretary may require such additional terms and condi-
21 tions in connection with the land exchange under this sec-
22 tion as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the
23 interests of the United States.

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