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[Report No. 110-289]

To amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2007

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 10, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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 “Weir Farm National
5 Historic Site Amendment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY FOR WEIR FARM NA-**
7 **TIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

8 Section 4(d) of the Weir Farm National Historic Site
9 Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public
10 Law 101-485) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “contig-
12 uous to” and all that follows through the period at
13 the end and inserting “located in Fairfield County,
14 Connecticut.”;

15 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
16 following:

17 **“(2) DEVELOPMENT OF ACQUIRED PROPERTY.—**

19 **“(A) LIMITATION RELATING TO DEVELOP-**
20 **MENT.** Except as provided in subparagraph
21 (B), to ensure that any property acquired by
22 the Secretary under paragraph (1)(A) conforms
23 to the natural and undeveloped landscape of the
24 property described in subsection (b), the Sec-
25 retary shall limit, to the maximum extent prac-

1 ticable, the development of any property ac-
2 quired by the Secretary under paragraph
3 (1)(A).

4 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The limitation relating
5 to the development of property described in
6 subparagraph (A) shall not—

7 “(i) prohibit the Secretary from ae-
8 quiring any property under paragraph
9 (1)(A) that, on the date on which the See-
10 retary acquires the property, is developed
11 in a manner that does not conform to the
12 natural and undeveloped landscape of the
13 property described in subsection (b); or

14 “(ii) require the Secretary to take any
15 action to ensure that any property de-
16 scribed in clause (i) that is acquired by the
17 Secretary under paragraph (1)(A) con-
18 forms to the natural and undeveloped land-
19 scape of the property described in sub-
20 section (b).”; and

21 (3) in paragraph (3), in the matter preceding
22 subparagraph (A), by striking “the appropriate zon-
23 ing authority” and all that follows through “Wilton,
24 Connecticut,” and inserting “the local governmental
25 entity that, in accordance with applicable State law,

1 has jurisdiction over any property acquired under
2 paragraph (1)(A)''.

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 *This Act may be cited as the ‘‘Weir Farm National*
5 *Historic Site Amendment Act’’.*

6 SEC. 2. LOCATION OF VISITOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE FA-

7 **CILITIES FOR WEIR FARM NATIONAL HIS-**
8 **TORIC SITE.**

9 Section 4(d) of the Weir Farm National Historic Site
10 Establishment Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amend-
11 ed—

15 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(2) DEVELOPMENT.—

18 “(A) MAINTAINING NATURAL CHARACTER.—

19 *The Secretary shall keep development of the*
20 *property acquired under paragraph (1) to a*
21 *minimum so that the character of the acquired*
22 *property will be similar to the natural and un-*
23 *developed landscape of the property described in*
24 *subsection (b).*

1 “(B) *TREATMENT OF PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED PROPERTY.*—Nothing in subparagraph (A)
2 shall either prevent the Secretary from acquiring
3 property under paragraph (1) that, prior to the
4 Secretary’s acquisition, was developed in a man-
5 ner inconsistent with subparagraph (A), or re-
6 quire the Secretary to remediate such previously
7 developed property to reflect the natural char-
8 acter described in subparagraph (A).”; and
9
10 (3) in paragraph (3), in the matter preceding
11 subparagraph (A), by striking “the appropriate zon-
12 ing authority” and all that follows through “Wilton,
13 Connecticut,” and inserting “the local governmental
14 entity that, in accordance with applicable State law,
15 has jurisdiction over any property acquired under
16 paragraph (1)(A)”.
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Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990, and for other purposes.”.

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