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S. 1018

[Report No. 111-254]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2009

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

AUGUST 5, 2010

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with amendments

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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 “National Park Service
5 and Northwestern State University Collections Conserva-
6 tion Center Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds that—

9 (1) ~~Cane River Creole National Historical Park~~
10 has a nationally significant museum collection of
11 more than 1,000,000 objects that is housed in leased
12 space that fails to meet National Park Service mu-
13 seum standards;

14 (2) there is no land within the boundary of the
15 historical park in Natchitoches Parish that is above
16 the 500-year floodplain, which is the level required
17 for constructing curatorial facilities under National
18 Park Service policies;

19 (3) the historical park has a longstanding part-
20 nership with Northwestern State University, with
21 which the historical park is required under the ena-
22 bling legislation for the historical park to coordinate
23 a Cane River region comprehensive research pro-
24 gram, including a program for curation methods;

1 (4) in 1992, the National Center for Preserva-
 2 tion Technology and Training, which is administered
 3 by the National Park Service, was established at
 4 Northwestern University under section 403 of the
 5 National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.
 6 470x-2);

7 (5) the National Center for Preservation Tech-
 8 nology and Training requires additional space to
 9 house equipment and workspace connected with the
 10 development and dissemination of preservation and
 11 conservation skills and technologies; and

12 (6) contingent on the approval by the Board of
 13 Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System,
 14 Northwestern State University is willing to make
 15 available land suitable for the National Park Service
 16 to construct a facility for curatorial and workspace
 17 needs of the National Center for Preservation Tech-
 18 nology and Training if the University is able to use
 19 space in the facility for educational purposes relating
 20 to the Williamson Museum collection of the Univer-
 21 sity.

22 **SEC. 32. COLLECTIONS CONSERVATION CENTER.**

23 Section 304 of the Cane River Creole National His-
 24 torical Park and National Heritage Area Act (16 U.S.C.
 25 410ccc-2) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) COLLECTIONS CONSERVATION CENTER.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter
3 into an agreement with Northwestern State Univer-
4 sity (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Univer-
5 sity’) to construct a facility on land owned by the
6 University to be used—

7 “(A) to house the museum collection of the
8 historical park;

9 “(B) to provide additional space for use by
10 the National Center for Preservation Tech-
11 nology and Training; and

12 “(C) to provide space to the University for
13 educational purposes relating to the Williamson
14 Museum collection, if the University pays an
15 appropriate rental fee to the National Park
16 Service, as determined in the agreement entered
17 into under this paragraph.

18 ~~“(2) USE OF FEE.—Proceeds from the rental~~
19 ~~fees collected under paragraph (1)(C) shall be avail-~~
20 ~~able, without further appropriation, for the historical~~
21 ~~park.”.~~

22 “(2) *USE OF FEE.—Proceeds from the rental fees*
23 *collected under paragraph (1)(C) shall be available*
24 *until expended, without further appropriation, for the*
25 *historical park.*

1 “(3) *TERMS OF LEASE.*—*The Secretary may*
2 *enter into a lease with the University for a term of*
3 *not more than 40 years if the land made available by*
4 *the University under paragraph (1) is leased at a*
5 *nominal cost to the Secretary.*”.

6 **SEC. 43. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

7 The Cane River Creole National Historical Park and
8 National Heritage Area Act (16 U.S.C. 410ccc et seq.)
9 is amended—

10 (1) in the third sentence of section 304(e) (16
11 U.S.C. 410ccc–2(e)), by striking “of Technology”
12 and inserting “Technology”; and

13 (2) in section 305(a) (16 U.S.C. 410ccc–3(a)),
14 by striking “interest” and inserting “interests”.

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