

Union Calendar No. 374

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2208

[Report No. 113–501]

To extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2013

Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 30, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. JOYCE, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. DEFAZIO

JUNE 30, 2014

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 23, 2013]

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 “North American Wet-*
 5 *lands Conservation Extension Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 *Section 7(c) of the North American Wetlands Con-*
 8 *servation Act (16 U.S.C. 4406(c)) is amended by striking*
 9 *“not to exceed—” and all that follows through paragraph*
 10 *(5) and inserting “not to exceed \$35,000,000 for each of*
 11 *fiscal years 2015 through 2018.”.*

12 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES FOR FEE TITLE AC-**
 13 **QUISITION.**

14 *(a) LIMITATION.—Section 6 of the North American*
 15 *Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4405) is amended*
 16 *by adding at the end the following:*

17 *“(c) LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES FOR LAND ACQUI-*
 18 *SITION.—Amounts appropriated under the authority of this*
 19 *Act may not be used—*

20 *“(1) by the Secretary to acquire fee title to land*
 21 *on behalf of the United States;*

22 *“(2) by the Secretary to acquire fee title to any*
 23 *land from a third party who used funds appropriated*
 24 *under the authority of this Act to acquire fee title to*
 25 *that land unless the Secretary can certify that the*

1 *Secretary has sufficient available funds to properly*
 2 *manage and maintain the land being acquired, in-*
 3 *cluding the provision of access for hunting; or*

4 *“(3) by a nongovernment organization to acquire*
 5 *fee title to land within the United States unless the*
 6 *acquisition is approved by the State or insular area*
 7 *fish and wildlife agency with jurisdiction with respect*
 8 *to that land.”.*

9 *(b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-*
 10 *section (a) shall not apply with respect to any specific land*
 11 *acquisition required by contract or other agreement entered*
 12 *into before the date of enactment of this Act.*

13 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT ON EXPENDITURES.**

14 *Section 10(2) of the North American Wetlands Con-*
 15 *servation Act (16 U.S.C. 4409(2)) is amended to read as*
 16 *follows:*

17 *“(2) an annual assessment of the status of wet-*
 18 *lands conservation projects, including an accounting*
 19 *of—*

20 *“(A) expenditures by Federal, State, and*
 21 *other United States entities;*

22 *“(B) expenditures made for fee-simple ac-*
 23 *quisition of Federal lands in the United States;*
 24 *and*

1 “(C) expenditures by Canadian and Mexi-
2 can sources to carry out wetland projects funded
3 under this Act.”.

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