

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2691

To amend certain appropriation Acts to repeal the requirement directing the Administrator of General Services to sell Federal property and assets that support the operations of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center in Plum Island, New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. GRIMM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Federal Government has owned Plum
6 Island since 1899.

1 (2) Since 1954, the Animal Disease Center on
2 Plum Island has conducted first-rate scientific re-
3 search on a variety of infectious animal-borne dis-
4 eases, including foot-and-mouth disease, resulting,
5 most recently, in the development of a new cell line
6 that rapidly and reliably detects this highly debili-
7 tating disease of livestock.

8 (3) The safety record of the Center is unparal-
9 leled, with no accidental releases reaching the main-
10 land in the history of the Center.

11 (4) \$23,200,000 in Federal funds have been
12 spent on upgrades to, and the maintenance of, the
13 Plum Island Animal Disease Center since January
14 2012, and significant investments in the Center in
15 the next five years are likely.

16 (5) In addition to the Animal Disease Center,
17 Plum Island contains cultural, historical, ecological,
18 and natural resources of regional and national sig-
19 nificance.

20 (6) Plum Island is situated where the Long Is-
21 land Sound and Peconic Bay meet, each being estu-
22 aries that are part of the National Estuary Pro-
23 gram, reflecting each natural system's nationally sig-
24 nificant environmental and economic values to the
25 region.

1 (7) The Federal Government has invested hun-
 2 dreds of millions of Federal funds over the last two
 3 decades to make long-term improvements with re-
 4 spect to the conservation and management needs of
 5 Long Island Sound and Peconic Bay.

6 (8) Due to cleanup costs from past Center ac-
 7 tivities and the zoning proposed by the town of
 8 Southold, New York, prohibiting residential or com-
 9 mercial development, the Federal Government will
 10 receive very little to no compensation from the sale
 11 of Plum Island.

12 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO SELL CERTAIN FED-**
 13 **ERAL PROPERTY IN PLUM ISLAND, NEW**
 14 **YORK.**

15 (a) REPEAL IN PUBLIC LAW 110–329.—Section 540
 16 of title V of division D of the Consolidated Security, Dis-
 17 aster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act,
 18 2009 (Public Law 110–329; 122 Stat. 3688) is repealed.

19 (b) REPEAL IN PUBLIC LAW 112–74.—Section 538
 20 of title V of division D of the Consolidated Appropriations
 21 Act, 2012 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 976) is re-
 22 pealed.

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