

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1445

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. HARDY (for himself and Mr. STIVERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Land Acquisition to
3 cut National Debt Act” or the “LAND Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR LAND ACQUISITION.**
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6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may
7 not use Federal funds to purchase land that would result
8 in a net increase of land acreage that would be under the
9 jurisdiction of the National Park Service, the United
10 States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Bureau of Land
11 Management unless the Federal budget is balanced for the
12 year in which the land would be purchased.

13 (b) DUCK STAMP FUNDS.—Subsection (a) shall not
14 apply to land purchased with funds made available
15 through the sale of Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and
16 Conservation Stamps.

17 (c) EASEMENTS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
18 easements acquired by the Secretary of the Interior to fa-
19 cilitate management of Federal lands.

20 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND ACQUISITION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture may
22 not use Federal funds to purchase land that would result
23 in a net increase of land acreage included in the National
24 Forest System unless the Federal budget is balanced for
25 the year in which the land would be purchased.

1 (b) EASEMENTS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
2 easements acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture to fa-
3 cilitate management of Federal lands.

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