

Calendar No. 443

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**H. R. 1026**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2018

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar

AN ACT

To revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

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 Country Na-
5 tional Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ROUTE ADJUSTMENT.**

7 Section 5(a)(8) of the National Trails System Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1244(a)(8)) is amended in the first sentence—

9 (1) by striking “thirty-two hundred miles, ex-
10 tending from eastern New York State” and inserting

1 “4,600 miles, extending from the Appalachian Trail
2 in Vermont”; and

3 (2) by striking “Proposed North Country Trail”
4 and all that follows through “June 1975.” and in-
5 serting “‘North Country National Scenic Trail, Au-
6 thorized Route’, dated February 2014, and num-
7 bered 649/116870.”.

8 **SEC. 3. LAND ACQUISITION.**

9 Neither the Secretary of Agriculture nor the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior may acquire for the North Country
11 National Scenic Trail land in Minnesota or Vermont that
12 was obtained through condemnation by a State or local
13 government.

14 **SEC. 4. ENERGY.**

15 Nothing in the amendments made by this Act that
16 change the authorized route of the North Country Na-
17 tional Scenic Trail in Minnesota or Vermont shall prohibit
18 the development, production, conveyance, or transmission
19 of energy in those States, with reasonable efforts made
20 to preserve the nature and purpose of the North Country
21 National Scenic Trail, and to mitigate any damage to that
22 trail and its associated resources caused by such activities.

Passed the House of Representatives June 5, 2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.

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