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H. R. 1577

To require the Secretary of the Interior submit a report to Congress evaluating the Capital Investment Strategy and its results, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2017

Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “National Park Service
5 Transparency and Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) In fiscal years 2006 through 2015, the Na-
9 tional Park Service allocated, on average,

1 \$1,160,000,000 annually to maintain assets. In fis-
2 cal year 2015, allocations to maintenance accounted
3 for about one-third (\$1,080,000,000) of the agency’s
4 total funding of \$3,300,000,000. The largest portion
5 of maintenance funds in fiscal year 2015 was allo-
6 cated to facility operations, which includes mainte-
7 nance that is routine in nature, such as maintenance
8 of trails.

9 (2) The Park Service’s deferred maintenance—
10 maintenance of its assets that was not performed
11 when it should have been and was delayed for a fu-
12 ture time—averaged \$11,300,000,000 from fiscal
13 years 2009 through 2015. Bridges, tunnels, and
14 paved roadways consistently made up the largest
15 share of the agency’s deferred maintenance, account-
16 ing for half of all deferred maintenance in fiscal year
17 2015. Older park units have the most deferred
18 maintenance, totaling \$10,500,000,000 in fiscal year
19 2015 in park units established more than 40 years
20 ago.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

22 To ensure that the elements of the National Park
23 Service process for making asset maintenance decisions is
24 achieving desired outcomes, not later than 60 days after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 the Interior, acting through the Director of the National
2 Park Service, shall submit to the Committee on Natural
3 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
4 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
5 a report containing—

6 (1) an evaluation of—

7 (A) the National Park Service Capital In-
8 vestment Strategy; and

9 (B) the results of the National Park Serv-
10 ice Capital Investment Strategy;

11 (2) a determination of whether the National
12 Park Service Capital Investment Strategy is achiev-
13 ing its intended outcomes; and

14 (3) any changes to the National Park Service
15 Capital Investment Strategy that the Secretary rec-
16 ommends to improve the outcomes of that strategy.

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