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# H. R. 5844

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR, Mr. HONDA, Ms. LEE, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. STARK, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-**  
2 **TION, DECOMMISSIONED NAVAL SECURITY**  
3 **GROUP ACTIVITY, SKAGGS ISLAND.**

4 (a) **TRANSFER REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the  
5 Navy shall transfer, without reimbursement, the decom-  
6 missioned Naval Security Group Activity, Skaggs Island,  
7 in Sonoma County, California, to the administrative juris-  
8 diction of the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose  
9 of permitting the Secretary of the Interior, acting through  
10 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to administer  
11 the transferred property as a wildlife refuge in the Na-  
12 tional Wildlife Refuge System.

13 (b) **REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES.**—Before completing  
14 the transfer of the property described in subsection (a),  
15 the Secretary of the Navy shall demolish and remove all  
16 structures on the property identified by the Secretary of  
17 the Interior as appropriate for removal to facilitate the  
18 conversion of the property into a wildlife refuge.

19 (c) **MANAGEMENT OF REMEDIATION.**—The Secretary  
20 of the Navy shall continue to be responsible for environ-  
21 mental remediation activities with respect to the property  
22 described in subsection (a) that, at a minimum, achieve  
23 the standard sufficient to allow the property to be used  
24 as a habitat for fish and wildlife and as a recreational  
25 property for outdoor education and environmental appre-  
26 ciation.

1 (d) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS; USE.—To help  
2 cover the costs of demolishing and removing structures on  
3 the property described in subsection (a) and conducting  
4 environmental remediation activities with respect to the  
5 property, the Secretary may accept contributions from the  
6 State of California and other entities for such purposes.  
7 Amounts received shall be merged with other amounts  
8 available to the Secretary to carry out this section and  
9 shall remain available to the Secretary, without further  
10 appropriation and until expended.

11 (e) APPLICABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—In  
12 connection with the remediation and transfer of the prop-  
13 erty described in subsection (a), nothing in this section  
14 shall be construed to affect or limit the application of, or  
15 any obligation of the Department of the Navy to comply  
16 with—

17 (1) environmental laws of the United States, in-  
18 cluding the Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
19 Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.  
20 9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42  
21 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.); and

22 (2) environmental regulations of the State of  
23 California.

24 (f) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days  
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90

1 days thereafter until remediation activities with respect to  
2 the property described in subsection (a) are completed, the  
3 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the  
4 progress made in connection with the remediation and  
5 transfer of the property.

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