

Union Calendar No. 468

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 1423

[Report No. 110-737]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 8, 2008

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 8, 2007]

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. DOROTHY BUELL MEMORIAL VISITOR CENTER**

2 **LEASE.**

3 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This section may be cited as the*
4 *“Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act”.*

5 (b) *MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.*—*The Sec-*
6 *retary of the Interior may enter into a memorandum of*
7 *understanding to establish a joint partnership with the Por-*
8 *ter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commis-*
9 *sion. The memorandum of understanding shall—*

10 (1) *identify the overall goals and purpose of the*
11 *Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center;*

12 (2) *establish how management and operational*
13 *duties will be shared;*

14 (3) *determine how exhibits, signs, and other in-*
15 *formation are developed;*

16 (4) *indicate how various activities will be fund-*
17 *ed;*

18 (5) *identify who is responsible for providing site*
19 *amenities;*

20 (6) *establish procedures for changing or dis-*
21 *solving the joint partnership; and*

22 (7) *address any other issues deemed necessary by*
23 *the Secretary or the Porter County Convention, Recre-*
24 *ation and Visitor Commission.*

25 (c) *LEASE AGREEMENT.*—

1 (1) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*After entering into a*
2 *memorandum of understanding in accordance with*
3 *subsection (b), the Secretary is authorized to enter*
4 *into an agreement with Porter County Convention,*
5 *Recreation and Visitor Commission to lease space in*
6 *the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center, located on*
7 *a site south of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore*
8 *boundary on IN 49, the principal north/south artery*
9 *into the national lakeshore, for use as a visitor center*
10 *for Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.*

11 (2) *DEVELOPMENT OF EXHIBITS.*—*The Secretary*
12 *may plan, design, construct, and install exhibits in*
13 *the leased space related to the use and management*
14 *of the resources at Indiana Dunes National Lake-*
15 *shore, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.*

16 (3) *NATIONAL LAKESHORE PRESENCE.*—*The Sec-*
17 *retary may utilize park staff from Indiana Dunes*
18 *National Lakeshore in the leased space to provide vis-*
19 *itor information and education.*

20 **SEC. 2. INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE.**

21 *Section 19 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for*
22 *the establishment of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore,*
23 *and for other purposes” (16 U.S.C. 460u–19) is amended—*

24 (1) *by striking “After notifying” and inserting*
25 *“(a) After notifying”; and*

1 (2) *by adding at the end the following:*
2 “(b) *For purposes of subsection (a), lands may be con-*
3 *sidered contiguous to other lands if the lands touch the other*
4 *lands, or are separated from the other lands by only a pub-*
5 *lic or private right-of-way, such as a road, railroad, or util-*
6 *ity corridor.*”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center for use as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes.”.

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