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AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS FOR INCLUSION
IN THE KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JULY 30, 1990.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. UDALL, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1230]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1230) to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Page 1, line 3, strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following in lieu thereof:

SECTION 1. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire by purchase with donated or appropriated funds, donation, or exchange the lands comprising approximately 465 acres and described in subsection (b) as an addition to the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, North Dakota: *Provided*, That no such lands may be acquired without the consent of the owner thereof unless the Secretary determines that, in his judgment, the property is subject to, or threatened with, uses which are having, or would have, an adverse impact on the archeological, historical, or other values for which the site was established.

(b) The lands referred to in subsection (a) are those lands depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Boundary Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site" numbered 468-80,039A and dated July 1990.

SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS.

Section 104(c) of Public Law 93-486 (88 Stat. 1462) is amended by striking "\$600,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,000,000" and by striking "\$2,268,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$4,000,000".

PURPOSE

The purpose of S. 1230¹ is to authorize the expansion of the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, North Dakota, and increase the authorization level for acquisition and development costs of the site.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

The Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site is a 1,300 acre site at the confluence of the Knife and Missouri Rivers near the town of Stanton, North Dakota. The unit was established in 1974 for the purpose of preserving historic and archeological remnants of the culture and lifestyle of the Plains Indians generally, and particularly, that of the Mandan and the Hidatsa Tribes. The primary resources of the national historic site are Native American village sites whose occupation dates back over 3,500 years. At the time the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site was established, four village sites were known to exist and were included within the boundaries of the park. Subsequent archeological research has expanded the information regarding occupation of the area and has led to discovery of archeological sites that represent the culture of the people who preceded the Mandan and Hidatsa.

There are three separate parcels totaling 465 acres that are authorized for acquisition by this bill. The additions incorporate into the National Historic Site archeological sites that reflect the occupation of the area by the predecessors of the Mandan and Hidatsa that are poorly represented within the current boundary, as well as adding two sites that currently straddle the boundary.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1(a), as amended, provides authority to the Secretary of the Interior to acquire 465 acres of land that are shown on the map referenced in *Section 1(b)*. The subsection provides that the land is to be acquired on a willing seller basis unless the Secretary determines that the property is subject to, or threatened with, uses which are having, or would have, an adverse impact on the archeological, historical, or other values for which the site was established.

Section 1(b) refers to the new boundary map for the site.

Section 2 amends the Act establishing the Knife River National Historic Site to provide for a higher ceiling for acquisition and development costs for the site.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On June 21, 1990, the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on S. 1230 and a House companion measure, H.R. 3074, on July 19, 1990. The Subcommittee adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the bill and favorably referred it, as amended, to the Full Committee. On July 25, 1990, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs adopted an

¹ A similar bill, H.R. 3074, was introduced in the House by Representative Dorgan.

amendment in the nature of a substitute and ordered the bill, as amended, favorably reported to the House by a voice vote.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will have continuing responsibility for oversight of the implementation of S. 1230 after enactment. No reports or recommendations were received pursuant to Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT, COST, AND BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE

In the opinion of the Committee, enactment of S. 1230 will have no inflationary impact on the national economy and will not result in significant costs. The estimate of the Congressional Budget Office follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 27, 1990.

Hon. MORRIS K. UDALL,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S. 1230, an act to authorize the acquisition of additional lands for inclusion in the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and for other purposes, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on July 25, 1990. CBO estimates that implementation of this act would cost the federal government about \$1.5 million, assuming appropriation of the necessary sums. Of this amount, we expect that \$0.9 million would be spent during fiscal year 1991, \$0.3 million in 1992, and the remainder in 1993 and later years.

S. 1230 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire an additional 465 acres for the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. For this purpose, the act would authorize the appropriation of \$400,000. Assuming appropriation of the necessary sums, CBO estimates that the National Park Service (NPS) would spend about one-half of this amount during fiscal years 1991 and 1992 to acquire and restore one parcel of about 330 acres. We expect that the remaining 135 acres would be purchased subsequently for about \$200,000.

In addition, S. 1230 would raise the existing authorization for development at Knife River to \$4 million. The current authorization ceiling of \$2.268 million was exceeded earlier this year when the fiscal year 1990 appropriation for Knife River raised total development appropriations for the site to \$2.884 million. The new ceiling would authorize additional development funds of \$1.1 million. These funds would be spent during fiscal years 1991 and 1992, assuming appropriation of the necessary sums.

On March 20, 1990, CBO prepared a cost estimate for S. 1230, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 8, 1990. The estimated costs of the two versions are identical.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis, who can be reached at 226-2860.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. REISCHAUER, *Director.*

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF OCTOBER 26, 1974

(88 STAT. 1461, 1462)

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SEC. 104. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, not to exceed, however, the following:

(a) Clara Barton National Historic Site, \$812,000 for acquisition of lands and interests in lands and for development;

(b) John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, \$400,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands and \$4,435,200 for development;

(c) Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, **[\$600,000]** \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of lands and interest in lands and **[\$2,268,000]** \$4,000,000 for development;

(d) Springfield Armory National Historic Site, \$5,300,000 for development;

(e) Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, \$185,000 for the acquisition of lands and interest in lands and \$2,722,000 for development; and

(f) Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, \$213,000 for acquisition of lands and interests in lands and \$2,737,000 for development.

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