

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 439

To prohibit acquisitions of land or waters for the National Wildlife Refuge System if wildlife refuge revenue sharing payments have not been made for the preceding fiscal year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. LIMITATION ON ACQUISITIONS FOR NATIONAL**
4 **WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.**

5 (a) LIMITATION.—No amounts may be expended by
6 the United States in a fiscal year for acquisition of land
7 or waters (or interests therein) for the National Wildlife
8 Refuge System if the Secretary of the Interior has not

1 made all payments required for the preceding fiscal year
2 by section 401(c)(1) of the Act of June 15, 1935 (16
3 U.S.C. 715s(c)(1)).

4 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A provision of law
5 enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act shall
6 not be considered to amend, repeal, or otherwise modify
7 or supersede subsection (a) unless the provision expressly
8 refers to subsection (a).

9 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO LAND AND WATER
10 CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965.—Subsection (b) of
11 section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
12 of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–9(b)) is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 “(b) ACQUISITION RESTRICTIONS.—

15 “(1) USE FOR AUTHORIZED ACQUISITIONS.—

16 Appropriations from the fund pursuant to this sec-
17 tion shall not be used for acquisition unless such ac-
18 quisition is otherwise authorized by law: *Provided,*
19 *however,* That appropriations from the fund may be
20 used for preacquisition work in instances where au-
21 thorization is imminent and where substantial mone-
22 tary savings could be realized.

23 “(2) USE FOR WILDLIFE REFUGE ACQUI-
24 TIONS.—Appropriations from the fund pursuant to

1 this Act shall not be used in a fiscal year for acquisi-
2 tion of land or waters (or interests therein) for the
3 National Wildlife Refuge System if the Secretary
4 has not made all payments required for the preced-
5 ing fiscal year by section 401(c)(1) of the Act of
6 June 15, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 715s(c)(1)).”.

7 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION.**

8 Section 1 shall not apply to any acquisition the Sec-
9 retary of the Interior is obligated to carry out under a
10 contract entered into by the Secretary of the Interior on
11 or before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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