

Union Calendar No. 214

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2954

[Report No. 113-296]

To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 16, 2013

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

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. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE FREE OF RESTRICTIONS.—Not-
5 withstanding the restrictions on conveyance of property lo-
6 cated on Santa Rosa Island, Florida, contained in the Act
7 of July 30, 1946 (chapter 699; 70 Stat. 712), and the
8 deed to the property from the United States to Escambia
9 County, Florida, dated January 15, 1947, Escambia
10 County may, at its discretion, convey or otherwise dispose
11 of all of its right, title, and interest (in whole or in part),
12 in and to any portion of the property that was conveyed
13 to it pursuant to that Act and deed, to any person or enti-
14 ty, free from any restriction on conveyance or reconvey-
15 ance imposed by the United States in that Act or deed.
16 Any conveyance under this subsection shall be subject to
17 the conditions set forth in subsection (c).

18 (b) LEASEHOLD INTERESTS.—No person or entity
19 holding a leasehold interest in the property as of the date
20 of the enactment of this Act shall be required to involun-
21 tarily accept a fee interest in lieu of their leasehold inter-
22 est in the property.

23 (c) CONDITIONS.—Any conveyance under subsection
24 (a) shall be subject to the following conditions:

1 (1) Not later than two calendar years after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, Escambia County
3 shall convey to Santa Rosa County all right, title,
4 and interest held in and to any portion of the prop-
5 erty that was conveyed to Escambia County under
6 the Act and deed that fall in the jurisdictional
7 boundaries of Santa Rosa County, Florida. The con-
8 veyance by Escambia County to Santa Rosa County
9 shall be absolute and shall terminate any subjugation
10 of Santa Rosa County to Escambia County or
11 any regulation of Santa Rosa County by Escambia
12 County. Santa Rosa County shall not be required to
13 pay any sum for the subject property other than ac-
14 tual costs associated with the conveyance.

15 (2) Santa Rosa County or any other person to
16 which property is conveyed under this Act may re-
17 convey property, or any portion of property, con-
18 veyed to it under this section.

19 (3) For all properties defined under subsection
20 (a) the leaseholders, or owners are free to pursue in-
21 corporation, annexation, or any other governmental
22 status so long as all other legal conditions required
23 for doing so are followed.

24 (4) Each property defined under subsection (a)
25 is under the jurisdiction of the county and any other

1 local government entity in which the property is lo-
2 cated.

3 (5) Any proceeds from the conveyance of any
4 property defined under subsection (a) by Escambia
5 County or Santa Rosa County, other than direct and
6 incidental costs associated with such conveyance,
7 shall be considered windfall profits and shall revert
8 to the United States.

9 (6) Escambia County and Santa Rosa County
10 shall in perpetuity preserve those areas on Santa
11 Rosa Island currently dedicated to conservation,
12 preservation, public, recreation, access and public
13 parking in accordance with resolutions heretofore
14 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of
15 each respective county.

16 (d) DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE.—Escambia
17 County and Santa Rosa County shall have no deadline or
18 requirement to make any conveyance or reconveyance of
19 any property defined under subsection (a) other than the
20 conveyance required under subsection (c)(1). Each county
21 may establish terms for conveyance or reconveyance, sub-
22 ject to the conditions set forth in this Act and applicable
23 State law.

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