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be administered by the Secretary as a recreational river;
(C) the segment from the southern tip of Mack Island to the northern border of the town of Belvidere, New Jersey (approximately 2.4 miles), which, if made part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System in accordance with this paragraph, shall be administered by the Secretary as a recreational river;
(D) the segment from the southern border of the town of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, to a point just north of Gilbert Generating Station (approximately 1 mile), which, if made part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System in accordance with this paragraph, shall be administered by the Secretary as a recreational river;
(E) Paulinskill River in Knowlton Township (approximately 2.4 miles), which, if made part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System in accordance with this paragraph, shall be administered by the Secretary as a recreational river; and
(F) Cook's Creek (approximately 3.5 miles), which, if made part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System in accordance with this paragraph, shall be administered by the Secretary as a scenic river.

(3) DESIGNATION.—If the Secretary finds that there is adequate local support for designating any of the additional segments as a recreational river or scenic river under this paragraph, if there is adequate local support for the designation—
(A) the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a notice of the designation of the segment; and
(B) the segment shall thereby be designated as a recreational river or scenic river, as the case may be, in accordance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.).

(4) CRITERIA FOR LOCAL SUPPORT.—In determining whether there is adequate local support for the designation of an additional segment as a recreational river or scenic river—
(A) with respect to each additional segment, the Secretary shall consider, among other things, the preferences of local government officials, area residents, and river users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort to manage the river in a productive and meaningful way.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.

This Act may be cited as the "Taunton River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—
(1) the Taunton River in the State of Massachusetts possesses important resource values (including wildlife, ecological, and scenic values), historic sites, and a cultural past important to the heritage of the United States;
(2) there is strong support among State and local officials, area residents, and river users for a cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area; and
(3) there is a longstanding interest among State and local officials, area residents, and river users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort to manage the river in a productive and meaningful way.

SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.

Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended—
(1) by redesignating the second paragraph (8) as paragraph (10); and
(2) by redesigning the second paragraph (11) as paragraph (12);
(3) by redesigning the third paragraph (11) as paragraph (13);
(4) by redesigning the fourth paragraph (11) as paragraph (14);
(5) by redesigning the first undesignated paragraph as paragraph (15); and
(6) by redesigning the second undesignated paragraph as paragraph (16); and
(7) by adding at the end the following:
"(17) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior—
(A) shall complete the study of the Taunton River, Massachusetts; and
(B) shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study.");

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

TAUNTON RIVER WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1599) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 1599

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Taunton River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—
(1) the Taunton River in the State of Massachusetts possesses important resource values (including wildlife, ecological, and scenic values), historic sites, and a cultural past important to the heritage of the United States;
(2) there is strong support among State and local officials, area residents, and river users for a cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area; and
(3) there is a longstanding interest among State and local officials, area residents, and river users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort to manage the river in a productive and meaningful way.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.

Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended—
(1) by designating the undesignated paragraph following (13) as paragraph (13); and
(2) by adding at the end the following:
"(17) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—The segment downstream from the headwaters, from the confluence of the Town River and the Matfield River in Bridgewater to the confluence with the Forge River in Raynham, Massachusetts.");

SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.

The bill (S. 1599), as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1569), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 1569

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND.

(A) I N GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") may, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell or exchange any right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the approximately 367 acres contained in the following parcels of land in the State of South Dakota:
"(1) Tract BLKH–1 "Spearfish Dwelling" (approximately 0.24 acres); N:\1 lots 8 and 9 of block 16, sec. 10, T6N, R2E,

BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY EXCHANGE

The bill (S. 1599) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest, was considered, ordered and engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1599

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND.

(A) I N GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") may, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell or exchange any right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the approximately 367 acres contained in the following parcels of land in the State of South Dakota:
"(1) Tract BLKH–1 "Spearfish Dwelling" (approximately 0.24 acres); N:\1 lots 8 and 9 of block 16, sec. 10, T6N, R2E,
in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes, which had been recommended by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 348

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1999.”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) oilheat is an important commodity relied on by approximately 30,000,000 Americans as an efficient and economical energy source for commercial and residential space and hot water heating;

(2) oilheat equipment operates at efficiencies among the highest of any space heating energy source, reducing fuel costs and making oilheat an economical means of space heating;

(3) the production, distribution, and marketing of oilheat and oilheat equipment plays a significant role in the economy of the United States, accounting for approximately $12,900,000,000 in expenditures annually and employing millions of Americans in all aspects of the oilheat industry;

(4) only very limited Federal resources have been made available for oilheat research, development, safety, training, and educational efforts, to the detriment of both the oilheat industry and its 30,000,000 customers; and

(5) the cooperative development, self-finance, and implementation of a coordinated national oilheat industry program of research and development, training, and consumer education is necessary and important for the future of the oilheat industry, the general economy of the United States, and the millions of Americans that rely on oilheat for commercial and residential space and hot water heating.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ALLIANCE.—The term “Alliance” means a national research alliance established under section 4.

(2) CONSUMER EDUCATION.—The term “consumer education” means the provision of information to assist consumers and other persons in making evaluations and decisions regarding oilheat and other nonindustrial commercial or residential space or hot water heating fuels.

(3) EXCHANGE.—The term “exchange” means an agreement that—

(A) entitles each party or its customers to receive oilheat from the other party; and

(B) requires only an insubstantial portion of the volumes involved in the exchange to be settled in cash or property other than the oilheat.

(4) INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION.—The term “industry trade association” means an organization described in paragraph (3) or (6) of section 6002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code and is organized for the purpose of representing the oilheat industry.

(5) NO. 1 DISTILLATE.—The term “No. 1 distillate” means fuel oil classified as No. 1 distillate by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

(6) NO. 2 DYED DISTILLATE.—The term “No. 2 dyed distillate” means fuel oil classified as No. 2 distillate by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

(7) OILHEAT.—The term “oilheat” means—

(A) No. 1 distillate; and

(B) No. 2 dyed distillate.

(8) OILHEAT INDUSTRY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “oilheat industry” means—

(i) persons in the production, transportation, or sale of oilheat; and

(ii) persons engaged in the manufacture or distribution of oilheat utilization equipment.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term “oilheat industry” does not include ultimate consumers of oilheat.

(9) PUBLIC MEMBER.—The term “public member” means a member of the Alliance designated in section 6011.

(10) QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION.—The term “qualified industry organization” means the National Association for Oilheat Research and Education or a successor organization.

(11) QUALIFIED STATE ASSOCIATION.—The term “qualified State association” means the industry trade association or other organization that the qualified industry organization or the Alliance determines best represents retail marketers in a State.

(12) RETAIL MARKETER.—The term “retail marketer” means a person engaged primarily in the sale of oilheat to ultimate consumers.

(13) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(14) WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR.—The term “wholesale distributor” means a person that—

(A)(i) produces No. 1 distillate or No. 2 dyed distillate;

(ii) imports No. 1 distillate or No. 2 dyed distillate;

(iii) transports No. 1 distillate or No. 2 dyed distillate across State boundaries or among local marketing areas; and

(iv) sells the distillate to another person that does not produce, import, or transport No. 1 distillate or No. 2 dyed distillate across State boundaries or among local marketing areas.

SEC. 4. REFERENDA.

(a) CREATION OF PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The oilheat industry, through the qualified industry organization, may conduct, at its own expense, a referendum among retail marketers and wholesale distributors for the establishment of a national oilheat research alliance.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF COST.—The Alliance, if established, shall reimburse the qualified industry organization for the cost of accounting and documentation for the referendum.

(3) CONDUCT.—A referendum under paragraph (1) shall be conducted by an independent auditing firm.

(4) VOTING RIGHTS.—

(A) RETAIL MARKETERS.—Voting rights of retail marketers in a referendum under paragraph (1) shall be based on the volume of oilheat sold in a State by each retail marketer in the calendar year previous to the