

Union Calendar No. 327

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1800

[Report No. 115–442]

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2017

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

DECEMBER 6, 2017

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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 30, 2017]

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. LAND CONVEYANCE, WASATCH-CACHE NA-**
4 **TIONAL FOREST, RICH COUNTY, UTAH.**

5 (a) *LAND CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.*—*Subject to*
6 *valid existing rights, not later than 6 months after the date*
7 *of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture*
8 *shall convey, without consideration, to the Utah State Uni-*
9 *versity Research Foundation, (in this section referred to as*
10 *the “Foundation”)* *all right, title, and interest of the United*
11 *States in and to a parcel of real property consisting of ap-*
12 *proximately 80 acres, including improvements thereon, lo-*
13 *cated outside of the boundaries of the Wasatch-Cache Na-*
14 *tional Forest, Rich County, Utah, within Sections 19 and*
15 *30, Township 14 North, Range 5 East, Salt Lake Base and*
16 *Meridian for the purpose of permitting the Foundation to*
17 *use the property for scientific and educational purposes.*

18 (b) *REVERSIONARY INTEREST.*—*If the Secretary of Ag-*
19 *riculture determines at any time that the real property con-*
20 *veyed under subsection (a) is not being used in accordance*
21 *with the purpose of the conveyance specified in such sub-*
22 *section, all right, title and interest in and to such real prop-*
23 *erty, including any improvements thereto, shall, at the op-*
24 *tion of the Secretary, revert to and become the property of*
25 *the United States, and the United States shall have the*

1 *right of immediate entry onto such real property. A deter-*
2 *mination by the Secretary under this subsection shall be*
3 *made on the record after an opportunity for a hearing.*

4 *(c) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—*

5 *(1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Ag-*
6 *riculture shall require the Foundation to cover the*
7 *costs (except any costs for environmental remediation*
8 *of the property) to be incurred by the Secretary, or*
9 *to reimburse the Secretary for such costs incurred by*
10 *the Secretary, to carry out the conveyance under sub-*
11 *section (a), including survey costs, costs for environ-*
12 *mental documentation, and any other administrative*
13 *costs related to the conveyance. If amounts are col-*
14 *lected from the Foundation in advance of the Sec-*
15 *retary incurring the actual costs, and the amount col-*
16 *lected exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Sec-*
17 *retary to carry out the conveyance, the Secretary shall*
18 *refund the excess amount to the Foundation.*

19 *(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—*
20 *Amounts received as reimbursement under paragraph*
21 *(1) shall be credited to the fund or account that was*
22 *used to cover those costs incurred by the Secretary in*
23 *carrying out the conveyance. Amounts so credited*
24 *shall be merged with amounts in such fund or ac-*
25 *count, and shall be available for the same purposes,*

1 *and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as*
2 *amounts in such fund or account.*

3 *(d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage*
4 *and legal description of the property to be conveyed under*
5 *subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory*
6 *to the Secretary of Agriculture.*

7 *(e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-*
8 *retary of Agriculture may require such additional terms*
9 *and conditions in connection with the conveyance under*
10 *subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to*
11 *protect the interests of the United States.*

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