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RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–27
TEXT OF H. R. 218, KING COVE ROAD LAND
EXCHANGE ACT

[Showing the text of H. R. 218 as ordered reported by the
Committee on Natural Resources]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “King Cove Road Land
3 Exchange Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

5 Congress finds that the land exchange required under
6 this Act (including the designation of the road corridor
7 and the construction of the road along the road corridor)
8 is in the public interest.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—

12 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “Federal
13 land” means the approximately 206 acres of
14 Federal land located within the Refuge as de-
15 picted on the map entitled “Project Area Map”
16 and dated September 2012.

17 (B) **INCLUSION.**—The term “Federal
18 land” includes the 131 acres of Federal land in

1 the Wilderness, which shall be used for the road
2 corridor along which the road is to be con-
3 structed in accordance with section 4(b)(2).

4 (2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-
5 eral land” means the approximately 43,093 acres of
6 land owned by the State as depicted on the map en-
7 titled “Project Area Map” and dated September
8 2012.

9 (3) REFUGE.—The term “Refuge” means the
10 Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in the State.

11 (4) ROAD CORRIDOR.—The term “road cor-
12 ridor” means the road corridor designated under
13 section 4(b)(1).

14 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 (6) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
17 of Alaska.

18 (7) WILDERNESS.—The term “Wilderness”
19 means the Izembek Wilderness designated by section
20 702(6) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-
21 servation Act (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 96–
22 487).

23 **SEC. 4. LAND EXCHANGE REQUIRED.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the State offers to convey to
25 the Secretary all right, title, and interest of the State in

1 and to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall convey
2 to the State all right, title, and interest of the United
3 States in and to the Federal land.

4 (b) USE OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal land
5 shall be conveyed to the State for the purposes of—

6 (1) designating a road corridor through the
7 Refuge; and

8 (2) constructing a single-lane gravel road along
9 the road corridor subject to the requirements in sec-
10 tion 6.

11 (c) VALUATION, APPRAISALS, AND EQUALIZATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The value of the Federal
13 land and the non-Federal land to be exchanged
14 under this section—

15 (A) shall be equal, as determined by ap-
16 praisals conducted in accordance with para-
17 graph (2); or

18 (B) if not equal, shall be equalized in ac-
19 cordance with paragraph (3).

20 (2) APPRAISALS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary and State shall select an appraiser to
24 conduct appraisals of the Federal land and non-
25 Federal land.

1 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—The appraisals re-
2 quired under subparagraph (A) shall be con-
3 ducted in accordance with nationally recognized
4 appraisal standards, including—

5 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
6 for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

7 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-
8 sional Appraisal Practice.

9 (3) EQUALIZATION.—

10 (A) SURPLUS OF FEDERAL LAND.—If the
11 final appraised value of the Federal land ex-
12 ceeds the final appraised value of the non-Fed-
13 eral land to be conveyed under the land ex-
14 change under this section, the value of the Fed-
15 eral land and non-Federal land shall be equal-
16 ized—

17 (i) by conveying additional non-Fed-
18 eral land in the State to the Secretary,
19 subject to the approval of the Secretary;

20 (ii) by the State making a cash pay-
21 ment to the United States; or

22 (iii) by using a combination of the
23 methods described in clauses (i) and (ii).

24 (B) SURPLUS OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—If
25 the final appraised value of the non-Federal

1 land exceeds the final appraised value of the
2 Federal land to be conveyed under the land ex-
3 change under this section, the value of the Fed-
4 eral land and non-Federal land shall be equal-
5 ized by the State adjusting the acreage of the
6 non-Federal land to be conveyed.

7 (C) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—Notwith-
8 standing section 206(b) of the Federal Land
9 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
10 1716(b)), the Secretary may accept a payment
11 under subparagraph (A)(ii) in excess of 25 per-
12 cent of the value of the Federal land conveyed.

13 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—On completion of the ex-
14 change of Federal land and non-Federal land under this
15 section—

16 (1) the boundary of the Wilderness shall be
17 modified to exclude the Federal land; and

18 (2) the non-Federal land shall be—

19 (A) added to the Wilderness; and

20 (B) administered in accordance with—

21 (i) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
22 1131 et seq.); and

23 (ii) other applicable laws.

1 (e) DEADLINE.—The land exchange under this sec-
2 tion shall be completed not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 5. ROUTE OF ROAD CORRIDOR.**

5 The route of the road corridor shall follow the south-
6 ern road alignment as described in the alternative entitled
7 “Alternative 2-Land Exchange and Southern Road Align-
8 ment” in the final environmental impact statement enti-
9 tled “Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange/
10 Road Corridor Final Environmental Impact Statement”
11 and dated February 5, 2013.

12 **SEC. 6. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ROAD.**

13 The requirements relating to usage, barrier cables,
14 and dimensions and the limitation on support facilities
15 under subsections (a) and (b) of section 6403 of the Omni-
16 bus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law
17 111–11; 123 Stat. 1180) shall apply to the road con-
18 structed in the road corridor.

19 **SEC. 7. EFFECT.**

20 The exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land
21 and the road to be constructed under this Act shall not
22 constitute a major Federal action for purposes of the Na-
23 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
24 et seq.).

