

**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. CALVERT OF CALIFORNIA**

In the BILL:

On page 16, line 18, reduce the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 28, line 14, increase the amount by \$4,000,000.

On page 30, line 8, insert the following before the period:

1 : *Provided further*, That of the funds provided, not to ex-
2 ceed \$2,000,000 is authorized for a demonstration project
3 to pilot a lease agreement with a federally recognized In-
4 dian tribe agreeing to replace and own a Bureau of Indian
5 Education funded school facility operated under Public
6 Law 93-638 or Public Law 100-297: *Provided further*,
7 That of the funds provided, \$2,000,000 shall be to imple-
8 ment section 7(b) of Public Law 102-495 (106 Stat.
9 3173).

On page 38, after line 2, insert the following new paragraph:

1 Of the unobligated balances available from appropria-
2 tions made under the heading “BUREAU OF INDIAN AF-
3 FAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION” prior to fis-
4 cal year 2014, \$4,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

 On page 64, at the end of title I, insert the following
general provision:

5 INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE RETITLED; PAUL
6 H. DOUGLAS TRAIL REDESIGNATION
7 SEC. _____. (a) INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKE
8 SHORE RETITLED.—
9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Public Law 89–761 (16
10 U.S.C. 460u et seq.) is amended—
11 (A) by striking “National Lakeshore” and
12 “national lakeshore” each place it appears and
13 inserting “National Park”; and
14 (B) by striking “lakeshore” each place it
15 appears and inserting “Park”.
16 (2) NONAPPLICATION.—The amendment made
17 by subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to—
18 (A) the title of the map referred to in the
19 first section of Public Law 89–761 (16 U.S.C.
20 460u); and

1 (B) the title of the maps referred to in sec-
2 tion 4 of Public Law 89-761 (16 U.S.C. 460u-
3 3).

4 (b) PAUL H. DOUGLAS TRAIL REDESIGNATION.—
5 The 1.6 mile trail within the Indiana Dunes National Park
6 designated the “Miller-Woods Trail” is hereby redesi-
7 gnated as the “Paul H. Douglas Trail”.

On page 82, line 10 strike: FOREST SERIVCE.

On page 82, line 20 insert: FOREST SERVICE above
FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH.

On page 84, line 21, regarding CAPITAL IMPROVE-
MENT AND MAINTENANCE, strike “\$484,000,000” and in-
sert “\$499,000,000”.

On page 96, line 20, regarding loan repayment:
strike “\$36,000,000” and insert “\$55,700,000”.

On page 96, line 23, regarding tribal [village built]
clinics: strike “\$11,000,000” and insert “\$18,000,000”.

On page 99, line 8, regarding the Indian Health
Care Improvement Fund: strike “\$72,280,000” and in-
sert “\$125,666,000”.

On page 112, line 5: strike “\$23,564,000” and in-
sert “\$26,564,000”.

In the REPORT:

On page 6, after the paragraph with the header, “TRIBAL CONSULTATION”, insert the following paragraph:

ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVOCACY

The Committee acknowledges and appreciates decades of arts and humanities advocacy by the late Rep. Louise M. Slaughter. In her memory, the Committee encourages NEA and NEH to expand grant-making activities in a manner that honors her advocacy, especially in rural and under-served areas, so more Americans are able to benefit from the economic, social, and educational impacts of the arts and humanities.

On page 7, under “*Plant Conservation Program*” and in the first sentence strike:

and no longer experiencing delays in distributing funds

On page 8, under “*Recreation Resources Management*” and in the second sentence, insert the following at the end:

in States that have taken on additional recreational responsibilities that have affected delivery of land management programs and services

On page 9, in the first complete sentence strike:

“encourages the Bureau to work with soda ash producers to assist them in utilizing the existing petition process to reduce royalty rates and”

On page 9, before the heading “LAND ACQUISITION”, insert the following three new paragraphs:

The Committee notes the Bureau has been working with Canyon Lake, California, regarding the sale and disposal of a parcel of BLM land and encourages the Bureau to expeditiously conclude the negotiations.

The Committee directs the Bureau to prioritize filling critical staff vacancies at the State and field level and requests a report showing the approved staffing plans for each field component, including vacant positions, by September 30, 2018, and semiannual updates on the status of efforts to fill these vacancies.

The Committee supports the innovative use of technology to improve the timeliness and accuracy of permitting decisions and encourages the Bureau to continue to partner with industry on these efforts, as appropriate. The Committee directs the Bureau to provide a report within 90 days of enactment of this Act on the feasibility of developing and implementing a remote permit demonstration project that utilizes technologies, such as high-definition video and GPS location data, to facilitate the permit decision-making process. The report should in-

clude information on the cost and staffing requirements for the Bureau, the role of industry, and the types of technologies and practices that could be utilized.

On page 14, under the heading “*Law Enforcement*”, insert at the appropriate location the following sentence:

The Service is directed to enforce illegal logging violations pursuant to the Lacey Act.

On page 23, prior to the paragraph with the heading “*Bill Language*”, insert the following new paragraphs:

Historic Working Dairies and Ranches.—The Committee urges the National Park Service to save and preserve, for purposes of public recreation, benefit, and inspiration, a portion of the diminishing seashore of the United States that remains undeveloped, and to sustain the working dairies and ranches on agricultural property for historic and cultural uses.

National Park Service Commercial Use Authorization Fees.—The Committee notes concerns raised by commercial tour operators regarding the Service’s April 2018 plan standardizing its Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) requirements and changes to CUA fees for road-based commercial tour operators. The Committee urges the Service to engage in constructive dialogue with affected stakeholders to address these concerns.

U.S. Virgin Islands.—The Committee is aware that the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands has requested initiation of discussions between the USVI Government and the Service to identify a suitable location for a USVI school on National Park Service land. The Committee directs the Service to participate in these discussions with the goal of finding a mutually-agreeable solution.

On page 25, after the paragraph with the heading “*American Battlefield Protection Program Assistance Grants*,” insert the following new paragraph:

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District.—The Committee recognizes the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District covering eight counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation that manages and protects it, as a unique model for the protection and preservation of nationally significant sites. The Committee urges the National Park Service to work with the District and the authorizing committees of jurisdiction to ensure that authorities provided under the District’s enabling legislation are fully utilized to maximize the effectiveness of this unique and proven public-private partnership.

On page 26, after the first sentence under the heading “*State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices*”, insert the following sentence:

The Committee encourages the Service, in consultation with State Historic Preservation Officers, to evaluate the Historic Preservation Grants Manual to consider the threshold for a Tier 3 apportionment.

On page 31, in the paragraph that starts with “The Cooperative Matching Funds program”, replace the sentence that starts with “An additional \$1,250,000” with the following sentence:

The Committee includes \$1,250,000 in the Water Availability and Use Science Program for integrated water availability assessments and an additional \$819,000 in the National Water Quality Program for the purposes of working with State, local, and Tribal partners to monitor, model, and forecast the occurrence of harmful algal blooms and algal toxins.

On page 32, after the sentence that starts with “Groundwater monitoring activities”, insert the following sentence:

The Committee directs the Survey to consider expanding the groundwater and surface water quality monitoring capacity in regions potentially impacted by energy develop-

ment and resource extraction and to brief the Committee on the benefits of expanded sampling and the possible positioning of some of the newly acquired streamgages to fill scientific data gaps.

On page 43, after the paragraph titled “*State and Tribal Consultation*” insert the following new paragraph:

The Committee is aware the Bureau of Land Management has been implementing a National Seed Strategy to improve seed supplies for restoring healthy and productive native plant communities. As such, the Department is encouraged to give preference, when practicable, to the use of locally adapted native plant materials in undertaking a land management activity on Federal lands, including maintenance and restoration in response to degradation caused by human activity or natural events, such as fire, flood, or infestation.

On page 51, under the heading “*Research: Air and Energy*”:

Strike Research Partnership and insert Partnership Research

On page 53, after the paragraph titled “*Innovative Research Partnerships*” insert the following new paragraph:

Intramural Animal Testing.—The Committee commends EPA for recent progress towards reducing unnecessary animal testing by promoting the adoption of cutting-edge methodologies that allow chemical screening more efficiently and cost-effectively. The Committee encourages EPA to ensure that the Agency’s own research is also the subject of Agency efforts to reduce and replace animal tests.

On page 54, under the heading “*Clean Air*” in the third sentence insert the following after the word “program” and before the word “at”:

for both appliances and buildings

On page 56, under the heading “*Water Quality Protection*” insert the following after the word “WaterSense” and before the word “program”:

program and certain activities under the Urban Waters

On page 67, above the heading “FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH”, insert the following new paragraph:

Wildfire Hazard Severity Mapping for Communities.—The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (P.L. 115–141) required the Service to develop and publish a geospatial map appropriate for community-level use

that depicts wildfire hazard severity. The Service is directed to consult specifically with the Bureau of Land Management on the wildfire hazard severity of land managed by the Bureau, as well as similar lands, to ensure at-risk communities have the best available information to help mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildland fire.

On page 72, insert the following before the paragraph titled “*Bill Language*”:

The Committee calls the Service’s attention to the significant public interest in the environmental assessment it is conducting on the proposal to withdraw lands within the Superior National Forest’s Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, and directs the Service to ensure it evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action, allows for State environmental agencies and the public to participate, and is completed no later than January 1, 2019.

On page 76, in the paragraph entitled “*Indian Health Care Improvement Fund*”, strike “\$81,736,000” and insert “\$125,666,000”.

On page 77, in the paragraph entitled “*Village Built Clinics*”, strike “\$11,000,000” and insert “\$18,000,000”.

On page 77, at the end of the Indian Health Services account, insert the following new paragraph:

Indian Health Professions.—The recommendation includes \$70,765,000 for Indian Health Professions, \$21,402,000 above the fiscal year 2018 enacted level. Loan repayments are funded at \$55,700,000 and an additional \$1,650,000 is provided for scholarships. The Committee recognizes the value of the loan repayment program and the scholarships program in helping to recruit and retain medical professionals.

On page 84, under the heading “REPAIR, RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF BUILDINGS”, insert the following word at the end of the first paragraph:

equipment

Make associated technical and conforming changes to the bill and report as necessary.

