H. R. 4119

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Mr. PALAZZO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2015”.
SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

(a) Land Exchange Authorized.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may convey to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5699 (in this section referred to as the “Post”) all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property, consisting of approximately one acre and located within the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Jackson County, Mississippi, section 34, township 7 north, range 8 east.

(b) Land To Be Acquired.—In exchange for the property described in subsection (a), the Post shall convey to the Secretary all right, title, and interest of the Post in and to a parcel of real property, consisting of approximately 1.76 acres and located in Jackson County, Mississippi, section 34, township 7 north, range 8 east.

(c) Equal Value Exchange.—The values of the parcels of real property to be exchanged under this section are deemed to be equal.

(d) Payment of Costs of Conveyance.—

(1) Payment Required.—The Secretary shall require the Post to cover costs to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for such costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the
land exchange under this section, including survey costs, costs related to environmental documentation, and any other administrative costs related to the land exchange. If amounts are collected from the Secretary in advance of the Secretary incurring the actual costs and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the land exchange, the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the Post.

(2) Treatment of Amounts Received.—

Amounts received as reimbursement under paragraph (1) shall be credited to the fund or account that was used to cover those costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the land exchange. Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(e) Description of Property.—The exact acreage and legal description of property to be exchanged under this section shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the Secretary and the Post.

(f) Conveyance Agreement.—The exchange of real property under this section shall be accomplished
1 using a quit claim deed or other legal instrument and upon
2 terms and conditions mutually satisfactory to the Sec-
3 retary and the Post, including such additional terms and
4 conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to pro-
5 tect the interests of the United States.
6 (g) TREATMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Land and in-
7 terests in land acquired by the United States under sub-
8 section (b) shall be administered by the Secretary as part
9 of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.
10 (h) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARY.—Upon comple-
11 tion of the land exchange under this section, the Secretary
12 shall modify the boundary of the Gulf Islands National
13 Seashore to reflect such land exchange.