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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. BASS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. CHANDLER

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 21, 2004]

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,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Cumberland Island Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004”.

SEC. 2. CUMBERLAND ISLAND WILDERNESS BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

Public Law 97–250 (96 Stat. 709) is amended by striking section 2 and inserting the following:

“SEC. 2. CUMBERLAND ISLAND WILDERNESS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means the map entitled ‘Cumberland Island Wilderness’, numbered 640/20,038I, and dated September 2004.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior.

“(3) WILDERNESS.—The term ‘Wilderness’ means the Cumberland Island Wilderness established by subsection (b).

“(4) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS.—The term ‘Potential Wilderness’ means the 10,500 acres of potential wilderness described in subsection (c)(2), but does not include the area at the north end of Cumberland Island known as the ‘High Point Half-Moon Bluff Historic District’.

“(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Approximately 9,886 acres of land in the Cumberland Island National Seashore...
depicted on the map as ‘Wilderness’ is designated as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System and shall be known as the ‘Cumberland Island Wilderness’.

“(2) EXCLUSIONS.—The 25-foot wide roadways depicted on the map as the ‘Main Road’, ‘Plum Orchard’, and the ‘North Cut Road’ shall not be included in the Wilderness and shall be maintained by the Secretary for continued vehicle use.

“(c) ADDITIONAL LAND.—In addition to the land designated under subsection (b), the Secretary shall—

“(1) on acquisition of the approximately 231 acres of land identified on the map as ‘Areas Become Designated Wilderness upon Acquisition by the NPS’; and

“(2) on publication in the Federal Register of a notice that all uses of the approximately 10,500 acres of land depicted on the map as ‘Potential Wilderness’ that are prohibited under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) have ceased, adjust the boundary of the Wilderness to include the land.

“(d) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.
“(e) Administration.—Subject to valid existing rights, the Wilderness shall be administered by the Secretary, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness areas, except that—

“(1) any reference in such provisions to the effective date of that Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act; and

“(2) where appropriate, any reference in that Act to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary.

“(f) Effect.—Any person with a right to utility service on Cumberland Island on the date of enactment of this subsection shall continue to have the right to utility service in the Wilderness after the date of enactment of this subsection.

“(g) Management Plan for Access to Main Road and North Cut Road.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the Cumberland Island Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004, the Secretary shall complete a management plan to ensure that not more than 8 and not less than 5 round trips are made available daily on the Main Road north of the Plum Orchard Spur and the North Cut Road by the National Park Service or a con-
cessionaire for the purpose of transporting visitors to and from the historic sites located adjacent to Wilderness.”.

SEC. 3. TOURS OF CUMBERLAND ISLAND NATIONAL SEA-SHORE.

Section 6 of Public Law 92–536 (86 Stat. 1066) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “, except as provided in subsection (c),” before “no development of the project”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) TOURS OF THE SEASHORE.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Secretary may enter into not more than 3 concession contracts, as the Secretary determines appropriate, for the provision of tours for visitors to the seashore that are consistent with—

“(1) this Act;

“(2) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.); and

“(3) Public Law 97–250 (96 Stat. 709).”.