

Public Law 94-458
94th Congress

An Act

To amend the Act approved August 18, 1970, providing for improvement in the administration of the National Park System by the Secretary of the Interior and clarifying authorities applicable to the National Park System, and for other purposes.

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[S. 3430]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act approved August 18, 1970 (84 Stat. 825; 16 U.S.C. 1a-1 et seq.), is amended as follows:

National Park System.
Administration;
authority clarification.
16 USC 1a-2.

(1) In subsection (e), after “within an area of the national park system.” insert “, as long as such activity does not jeopardize or unduly interfere with the primary natural or historic resource of the area involved.”.

(2) At the end of subsection (g), change the period to a semicolon and add the following new subsections:

“(h) promulgate and enforce regulations concerning boating and other activities on or relating to waters located within areas of the National Park System, including waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States: *Provided*, That any regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection shall be complementary to, and not in derogation of, the authority of the United States Coast Guard to regulate the use of waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States;

Regulations.
16 USC 1a-2.

“(i) provide meals and lodging, as the Secretary deems appropriate, for members of the United States Park Police and other employees of the National Park Service, as he may designate, serving temporarily on extended special duty in areas of the National Park System, and for this purpose he is authorized to use funds appropriated for the expenses of the Department of the Interior.”.

U.S. Park Police, meals and lodging.

SEC. 2. Such Act of August 18, 1970, is further amended by adding the following new sections:

“SEC. 5. Section 11 of the Act of May 26, 1930 (46 Stat. 383; 16 U.S.C. 17j), is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 11. In the administration of the National Park System, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, under regulations prescribed by him, to pay (a) the traveling expenses of employees, including the costs of packing, crating, and transporting (including draying) their personal property, upon permanent change of station of such employees and (b) the traveling expenses as aforesaid of dependents of deceased employees (i) to the nearest housing reasonably available and of a standard not less than that which is vacated, and to include compensation for not to exceed sixty days rental cost thereof, in the case of an employee who occupied Government housing and the death of such employee requires that housing to be promptly vacated, and (ii) to the nearest port of entry in the conterminous forty-eight States in the case of an employee whose last permanent station was outside the conterminous forty-eight States.”.

Employees, traveling expenses.

“SEC. 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior may relinquish to a State, or to a Commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, part of the legislative juris-

Legislative jurisdiction, relinquishment.
16 USC 1a-3.

Proposed agreement, submittal to congressional committees.

diction of the United States over National Park System lands or interests therein in that State, Commonwealth, territory, or possession: *Provided*, That prior to consummating any such relinquishment, the Secretary shall submit the proposed agreement to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress, and shall not finalize such agreement until sixty calendar days after such submission shall have elapsed. **Relinquishment of legislative jurisdiction** under this section may be accomplished (1) by filing with the Governor (or, if none exists, with the chief executive officer) of the State, Commonwealth, territory, or possession concerned a notice of relinquishment to take effect upon acceptance thereof, or (2) as the laws of the State, Commonwealth, territory, or possession may otherwise provide. The Secretary shall diligently pursue the consummation of arrangements with each State, Commonwealth, territory, or possession within which a unit of the National Park System is located to the end that insofar as practicable the United States shall exercise concurrent **legislative jurisdiction** within units of the National Park System.

Uniform allowance. 16 USC 1a-4.

“SEC. 7. Notwithstanding subsection 5901 (a) of title 5, United States Code (80 Stat. 508), as amended, the uniform allowance for uniformed employees of the National Park Service may be up to \$400 annually.

Investigation and study. 16 USC 1a-5.

“SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to investigate, study, and continually monitor the welfare of areas whose resources exhibit qualities of national significance and which may have potential for inclusion in the National Park System. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Secretary shall transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate, comprehensive reports on each of those areas upon which studies have been completed. On this same date, and accompanying such reports, the Secretary shall transmit a listing, in generally descending order of importance or merit, of not less than twelve such areas which appear to be of national significance and which may have potential for inclusion in the National Park System. Threats to resource values, and cost escalation factors shall be considered in listing the order of importance or merit. Such listing may be comprised of any areas heretofore submitted under terms of this section, and which at the time of listing are not included in the National Park System. The Secretary is also directed to transmit annually to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate, at the beginning of each fiscal year, a complete and current list of all areas included on the Registry of Natural Landmarks and those areas of national significance listed on the National Register of Historic places which areas exhibit known or anticipated damage or threats to the integrity of their resources, along with notations as to the nature and severity of such damage or threats. Each report and annual listing shall be printed as a House document.

Reports to Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

Annual listing, transmittal to Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

Printing as House document.

“SEC. 9. Section 3 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666, 667; 16 U.S.C. 461, 463), is amended to read as follows:

National Park System Advisory Board. Establishment. 16 USC 463.

“SEC. 3. (a) A general advisory board to be known as the National Park System Advisory Board is hereby established, to be composed of not to exceed eleven persons, citizens of the United States, to include but not be limited to representatives competent in the fields of history, archaeology, architecture, and natural science, who shall be appointed by the Secretary for a term not to exceed four years. The Secretary shall take into consideration nominations for appointees from public and private, professional, civic, and educational societies, associations, and institutions. The members of such board shall receive no salary