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# H. R. 3025

To provide for no net increase in the total acreage of Federal land in the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, United States Virgin Islands.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2023

Ms. PLASKETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. NO NET INCREASE OF FEDERAL LAND IN THE**  
4 **VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK ON ST.**  
5 **JOHN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
7 sion of law, the Secretary may not acquire any land that  
8 would increase the total acreage of Federal land in the  
9 Park, except as provided in this Act.

1 (b) REQUIRED LAND CONVEYANCES.—If the Sec-  
2 retary takes into Federal ownership non-Federal land that  
3 results in an increase of the total acreage of Federal land  
4 in the Park, the Secretary shall convey out of Federal  
5 ownership at least an equal acreage of Federal land in  
6 the Park, via sale, exchange, or donation.

7 (c) SALE OF LAND.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Federal land sold pursuant  
9 to subsection (b) shall be offered for sale—

10 (A) not later than 1 year after the Sec-  
11 retary takes into Federal ownership non-Fed-  
12 eral land that results in an increase of the total  
13 acreage of Federal land in the Park;

14 (B) subject to valid existing rights;

15 (C) except as provided in subparagraph  
16 (D), at fair market value (based on local com-  
17 parable sales); and

18 (D) at a price that is reduced by 10 per-  
19 cent each month that the Federal land is not  
20 sold or under contract to be sold by the date  
21 that is 6 months after the Federal land was  
22 first offered for sale.

23 (2) PRICE REDUCTION.—Time periods during  
24 which Federal land is under contract for sale or  
25 withdrawn from the market shall not be counted for

1 the purposes of price reduction under paragraph  
2 (1)(D).

3 (d) LAND EXCHANGE VALUES.—If the value of the  
4 Federal land that is part of a land exchange pursuant to  
5 subsection (b) is less than the value of the non-Federal  
6 land for which it is exchanged, the value of the exchanged  
7 lands shall be equalized by a cash payment.

8 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “Park” means the Virgin Islands  
10 National Park on St. John, United States Virgin Is-  
11 lands; and

12 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
13 of the Interior.

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