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H. R. 5987

To provide for recreational access for floating cabins on the Tennessee River System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Mr. MEADOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. RECREATIONAL ACCESS OF FLOATING CABINS**

4 **ON WATERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF**

5 **THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY.**

6 (a) RECREATIONAL ACCESS PERMITTED.—The
7 Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority may
8 approve and allow the construction and use of a floating
9 cabin on waters under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee
10 Valley Authority if—

1 (1) the floating cabin is maintained by the
2 owner to reasonable health, safety, and environ-
3 mental standards, as required by the Board of Di-
4 rectors; and

5 (2) the Tennessee Valley Authority has author-
6 ized the use of recreational vessels on such waters.

7 (b) FEES.—The Board of Directors may levy fees on
8 the owner of a floating cabin on waters under the jurisdic-
9 tion of the Tennessee Valley Authority for purposes of en-
10 suring compliance with subsection (a), so long as such fees
11 are necessary and reasonable for such purposes.

12 (c) CONTINUED RECREATIONAL USE.—With respect
13 to a floating cabin located on waters under the jurisdiction
14 of the Tennessee Valley Authority on the date of enact-
15 ment of this section, the Board of Directors—

16 (1) may not require the removal of such float-
17 ing cabin—

18 (A) in the case of a floating cabin that was
19 granted a permit by the Tennessee Valley Au-
20 thority before the date of enactment of this sec-
21 tion, for a period of 15 years beginning on such
22 date; and

23 (B) in the case of a floating cabin not
24 granted a permit by the Tennessee Valley Au-
25 thority before the date of enactment of this sec-

1 tion, for a period of 5 years beginning on such
2 date; and

3 (2) shall approve and allow the use of the float-
4 ing cabin on waters under the jurisdiction of the
5 Tennessee Valley Authority at such time, and for
6 such duration, as the floating cabin meets the re-
7 quirements of subsection (a) and the owner of such
8 cabin has paid any fee levied pursuant to subsection
9 (b).

10 (d) DEFINITION OF FLOATING CABIN.—In this sec-
11 tion, the term “floating cabin” means every description
12 of watercraft or other floating structure primarily de-
13 signed and used for human habitation or occupation and
14 not primarily designed or used for navigation or transpor-
15 tation on water.

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