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S. 2327

To make continuing appropriations for certain programs that benefit sportsmen in the event of a lapse in appropriations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2014

Mr. WALSH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keeping Public Lands
5 Open Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) units of the National Park System, units of
9 the National Forest System, units of the National
10 Wildlife Refuge System, and other public land—

1 (A) are an integral part of the conserva-
2 tion heritage of the United States;

3 (B) provide many recreational opportuni-
4 ties; and

5 (C) support jobs and economic activity in
6 communities across the United States, including
7 in many rural areas; and

8 (2) it is critical that the public have uninter-
9 rupted access to the national treasures referred to in
10 paragraph (1).

11 **SEC. 3. AUTOMATIC CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
12 **CERTAIN COVERED ACCOUNTS.**

13 (a) DEFINITION OF COVERED ACCOUNT.—In this
14 section, the term “covered account” means each of the fol-
15 lowing appropriation accounts:

16 (1) Within the Department of the Interior for
17 the Fish and Wildlife Service, within the resource
18 management appropriation, amounts made available
19 for—

20 (A) the activities of the National Wildlife
21 Refuge System; and

22 (B) habitat conservation.

23 (2) Within the Department of the Interior for
24 the Fish and Wildlife Service, the appropriation for
25 the Migratory Bird Conservation Account.

1 (3) Within the Department of Agriculture for
2 the Forest Service, within the National Forest Sys-
3 tem appropriation, amounts made available for—

4 (A) the activities of recreation, heritage,
5 and wilderness; and

6 (B) law enforcement operations.

7 (4) Within the Department of the Interior for
8 the Bureau of Land Management, within the man-
9 agement of land and resources appropriation,
10 amounts made available for—

11 (A) the activities of recreation manage-
12 ment, resource protection, and maintenance;
13 and

14 (B) the National Landscape Conservation
15 System.

16 (5) Within the Department of the Interior for
17 the National Park Service, the appropriation for the
18 operation of the National Park System.

19 (6) Within the Department of the Interior for
20 the Fish and Wildlife Service, the appropriation for
21 the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund.

22 (7) Within the Department of the Interior for
23 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, within
24 the resource management appropriation, under the
25 activity of general operations, the amounts made

1 available for the National Fish and Wildlife Founda-
2 tion.

3 (8) Within the Department of the Interior for
4 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the ap-
5 propriation for land acquisition.

6 (9) Within the Department of Agriculture for
7 the Forest Service, the appropriation for land acqui-
8 sition.

9 (10) Within the Department of the Interior for
10 the Bureau of Land Management, the appropriation
11 for land acquisition.

12 (11) Within the Department of the Interior for
13 the National Park Service, the appropriation for
14 land acquisition and State assistance.

15 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUING APPROPRIA-
16 TIONS.—If an appropriations measure for a covered ac-
17 count for a fiscal year is not enacted before the beginning
18 of the applicable fiscal year and a joint resolution making
19 continuing appropriations for the covered account is not
20 in effect, such sums as may be necessary shall be made
21 available without further appropriation to continue any
22 program, project, or activity for which funds were provided
23 from the covered account in the preceding fiscal year.

24 (c) AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND FUNDS.—Ap-
25 propriations and funds made available under this section

1 for a program, project, or activity funded by a covered
2 account shall be in an amount equal to a pro rata amount
3 of the annual funding provided for the program, project,
4 or activity in the preceding appropriations Act or, in the
5 absence of a regular appropriations Act, a joint resolution
6 making continuing appropriations for the preceding fiscal
7 year.

8 (d) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Appropriations
9 and funds made available, and authority granted, under
10 this section for a program, project, or activity funded by
11 a covered account shall be available for the period begin-
12 ning with the first day of a lapse in appropriations and
13 ending on the date of enactment of the applicable appro-
14 priations Act or a joint resolution making continuing ap-
15 propriations until the end of the fiscal year, whether or
16 not the Act or resolution provides for the program,
17 project, or activity.

18 (e) REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts made available, or
19 authority granted, for a program, project, or activity fund-
20 ed by a covered account for any fiscal year under this Act
21 shall be subject to—

22 (1) the terms and conditions imposed with re-
23 spect to the program, project, or activity for the pre-
24 ceding fiscal year; and

1 (2) the authority granted for the program,
2 project, or activity funded by the covered account
3 under applicable law.

4 (f) APPLICABLE ACCOUNTS.—Expenditures made for
5 a program, project, or activity funded by a covered ac-
6 count for any fiscal year under this Act shall be charged
7 to the applicable covered account on the date of enactment
8 of an appropriations Act or a joint resolution making con-
9 tinuing appropriations until the end of a fiscal year that
10 provides funds for the program, project, or activity for the
11 applicable period.

12 (g) EXCLUSIONS.—This section shall not apply to a
13 program, project, or activity funded by a covered account
14 during a fiscal year if any other provision of law (other
15 than a change in authorization of appropriations)—

16 (1) makes an appropriation, makes funds avail-
17 able, or grants authority for the program, project, or
18 activity to continue for the applicable period; or

19 (2) specifically provides that no appropriation
20 shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or
21 no authority shall be granted for the program,
22 project, or activity to continue for the applicable pe-
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