

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 10, 2000.

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 150) entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey National Forest System lands for use for educational purposes, and for other purposes", with the following

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In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

1 SECTION. 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Education Land Grant
3 Act".

4 SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS
5 FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

6 (a) AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.—Upon application, the
7 Secretary of Agriculture may convey National Forest Sys8 tem lands for use for educational purposes if the Secretary
9 determines that—

(1) the entity seeking the conveyance will use the
conveyed land for a public or publicly funded elementary or secondary school, to provide grounds or facilities related to such a school, or for both purposes;

(2) the conveyance will serve the public interest;
 (3) the land to be conveyed is not otherwise need ed for the purposes of the National Forest System;
 and

5 (4) the total acreage to be conveyed does not ex6 ceed the amount reasonably necessary for the proposed
7 use.

8 (b) ACREAGE LIMITATION.—A conveyance under this 9 section may not exceed 80 acres. However, this limitation 10 shall not be construed to preclude an entity from submitting 11 a subsequent application under this section for an addi-12 tional land conveyance if the entity can demonstrate to the 13 Secretary a need for additional land.

(c) COSTS AND MINERAL RIGHTS.—A conveyance
under this section shall be for a nominal cost. The conveyance may not include the transfer of mineral rights.

17 (d) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—When the Secretary
18 receives an application under this section, the Secretary
19 shall—

20 (1) before the end of the 14-day period beginning
21 on the date of the receipt of the application, provide
22 notice of that receipt to the applicant; and

23 (2) before the end of the 120-day period begin24 ning on that date—

1 (A) make a final determination whether or 2 not to convey land pursuant to the application, and notify the applicant of that determination; 3 4 or5 (B) submit written notice to the applicant containing the reasons why a final determina-6 7 tion has not been made. (e) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If at any time after 8 9 lands are conveyed pursuant to this section, the entity to whom the lands were conveyed attempts to transfer title to 10 11 or control over the lands to another or the lands are devoted

12 to a use other than the use for which the lands were con-13 veyed, without the consent of the Secretary, title to the lands

14 shall revert to the United States.

Attest:

Clerk.