

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 28** ____. **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY THE ARMY AND NAVY**
2 **GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOT SPRINGS NA-**
3 **TIONAL PARK, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TO**
4 **THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Army may
6 convey to the State of Arkansas by quitclaim deed, without
7 consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United
8 States in and to the covered property if, not later than
9 five years after the date of the enactment of this Act—

10 (1) the Governor of Arkansas submits to such
11 Secretary a request for such conveyance; and

12 (2) such Secretary, in consultation with the Ad-
13 ministrator of the General Services Administration,
14 determines such conveyance is appropriate notwith-
15 standing the requirements under section 3 of the Act
16 of September 12, 1959 (Public Law 86-323).

17 (b) **DESIGNATION.**—The Secretary of Defense, acting
18 through the Director of the Office of Local Defense Com-

1 munity Cooperation, shall designate the State of Arkansas
2 as the local redevelopment authority with respect to the
3 covered property.

4 (c) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense,
5 acting through the Director of the Office of Local Defense
6 Community Cooperation, may make a grant (including a
7 supplemental grant) or enter into a cooperative agreement
8 to assist the local redevelopment authority designated pur-
9 suant to subsection (b) in planning community adjust-
10 ments and economic diversification, including site care-
11 taker services, security services, and fire protection serv-
12 ices, required under the conveyance under subsection (a).

13 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
15 of the Army shall provide to the congressional defense
16 committees a briefing that includes—

17 (1) with respect to the conveyance under sub-
18 section (a), a summary of the coordination among
19 affected stakeholders including—

20 (A) the Director of the Office of Local De-
21 fense Community Cooperation;

22 (B) the Administrator of the General Serv-
23 ices Administration;

24 (C) the National Park Service;

25 (D) the Governor of Arkansas;

1 (E) the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas;

2 and

3 (F) the Secretary of the Navy;

4 (2) a summary of—

5 (A) any environmental investigations con-
6 ducted at the covered property as of the date of
7 the enactment of this Act;

8 (B) the response actions required under
9 any such environmental investigation;

10 (C) an estimate of the cost to each such
11 response action; and

12 (D) an identification of potentially respon-
13 sible parties, if any, for any hazardous sub-
14 stance identified under an environmental inves-
15 tigation described in subparagraph (A);

16 (3) an estimation of the total cost to—

17 (A) stabilize each structure on the covered
18 property; and

19 (B) demolish each such structure; and

20 (4) an assessment of necessary steps for the
21 covered property to be eligible for a grant under the
22 Arkansas Brownfields Program and recommenda-
23 tions with respect to such steps.

24 (e) COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.—In this section,
25 the term “covered property” means the approximately

1 twenty-one acres, more or less, of land located at Hot
2 Springs National Park, Arkansas, which comprise facili-
3 ties previously occupied by the Army and Navy General
4 Hospital conveyed by quitclaim deed to the State of Ar-
5 kansas pursuant to the Act of September 12, 1959.

