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# S. 3256

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 27 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mrs. LINCOLN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (re-  
5 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may, under such  
6 terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell  
7 or exchange any right, title, and interest of the United

1 States in and to the following National Forest System  
2 land and improvements:

3 (1) In the Ouachita National Forest—

4 (A) tract 1, “Work Center and two Resi-  
5 dences” (approximately 12.4 acres), as identi-  
6 fied on the map entitled “Ouachita National  
7 Forest, Waldron, Arkansas, Work Center and  
8 Residences” and dated July 26, 2000;

9 (B) tract 2, “Work Center” (approximately  
10 10 acres), as identified on the map entitled  
11 “Ouachita National Forest, Booneville, Arkan-  
12 sas, Work Center” and dated July 26, 2000;

13 (C) tract 3, “Residence” (approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$   
14 acre), as identified on the map entitled  
15 “Ouachita National Forest, Glenwood, Arkan-  
16 sas, Residence” and dated July 26, 2000;

17 (D) tract 4, “Work Center” (approxi-  
18 mately 10.12 acres), as identified on the map  
19 entitled “Ouachita National Forest, Thornburg,  
20 Arkansas, Work Center” and dated July 26,  
21 2000;

22 (E) tract 5, “Office Building” (approxi-  
23 mately 1.5 acres), as identified on the map enti-  
24 tled “Ouachita National Forest, Perryville, Ar-

1                   kansas, Office Building" and dated July 26,  
2                   2000;

3                   (F) tract 6, "Several Buildings, Including  
4                   Office Space and Equipment Depot" (approxi-  
5                   mately 3 acres), as identified on the map enti-  
6                   tled "Ouachita National Forest, Hot Springs,  
7                   Arkansas, Buildings" and dated July 26, 2000;

8                   (G) tract 7, "Isolated Forestland" (ap-  
9                   proximately 120 acres), as identified on the  
10                   map entitled "Ouachita National Forest, Sun-  
11                   shine, Arkansas, Isolated Forestland" and  
12                   dated July 26, 2000;

13                   (H) tract 8, "Isolated Forestland" (ap-  
14                   proximately 40 acres), as identified on the map  
15                   entitled "Ouachita National Forest, Sunshine,  
16                   Arkansas, Isolated Forestland" and dated July  
17                   26, 2000;

18                   (I) tract 9, "Three Residences" (approxi-  
19                   mately 9.89 acres), as identified on the map en-  
20                   titled "Ouachita National Forest, Heavener,  
21                   Oklahoma, Three Residences" and dated July  
22                   26, 2000;

23                   (J) tract 10, "Work Center" (approxi-  
24                   mately 38.91 acres), as identified on the map  
25                   entitled "Ouachita National Forest, Heavener,

3 (K) tract 11, "Residence #1" (approxi-  
4 mately 0.45 acres), as identified on the map en-  
5 titled "Ouachita National Forest, Talihina,  
6 Oklahoma, Residence #1" and dated July 26,  
7 2000;

8 (L) tract 12, "Residence #2" (approxi-  
9 mately 0.21 acres), as identified on the map en-  
10 titled "Ouachita National Forest, Talihina,  
11 Oklahoma, Residence #2" and dated July 26,  
12 2000;

13 (M) tract 13, "Work Center" (approxi-  
14 mately 5 acres), as identified on the map enti-  
15 tled "Ouachita National Forest, Big Cedar,  
16 Oklahoma, Work Center" and dated July 26,  
17 2000;

18 (N) tract 14, "Residence" (approximately  
19 0.5 acres), as identified on the map entitled  
20 "Ouachita National Forest, Idabel, Oklahoma,  
21 "Residence" and dated July 26, 2000; and

22 (O) tract 15, "Residence and Work Cen-  
23 ter" (approximately 40 acres), as identified on  
24 the map entitled "Ouachita National Forest,

1                   Idabel, Oklahoma, Residence and Work Center”  
2                   and dated July 26, 2000.

3                   (2) In the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest—

4                       (A) tract 1, “Tract 750, District 1, Two  
5                       Residences, Administrative Office” (approxi-  
6                       mately 8.96 acres), as identified on the map en-  
7                       titled “Ozark-St. Francis National Forest,  
8                       Mountain View, Arkansas, Tract 750, District  
9                       1, Two Residences, Administrative Office” and  
10                      dated July 26, 2000;

11                       (B) tract 2, “Tract 2736, District 5,  
12                       Mountainburg Work Center” (approximately  
13                       1.61 acres), as identified on the map entitled  
14                       “Ozark-St. Francis National Forest,  
15                       Mountainburg, Arkansas, Tract 2736, District  
16                       5, Mountainburg Work Center” and dated July  
17                      26, 2000;

18                       (C) tract 3, “Tract 2686, District 6,  
19                       House” (approximately 0.31 acres), as identi-  
20                       fied on the map entitled “Ozark-St. Francis  
21                       National Forest, Paris, Arkansas, Tract 2686,  
22                       District 6 House” and dated July 26, 2000;

23                       (D) tract 4, “Tract 2807, District 6,  
24                       House” (approximately 0.25 acres), as identi-  
25                       fied on the map entitled “Ozark-St. Francis

1                   National Forest, Paris, Arkansas, Tract 2807,  
2                   District 6, House" and dated July 26, 2000;

3                   (E) tract 5, "Tract 2556, District 3, Dover  
4                   Work Center" (approximately 2.0 acres), as  
5                   identified on the map entitled "Ozark-St.  
6                   Francis National Forest, Dover, Arkansas,  
7                   Tract 2556, District 3, Dover Work Center"  
8                   and dated July 26, 2000;

9                   (F) tract 6, "Tract 2735, District 2,  
10                  House" (approximately 0.514 acres), as identi-  
11                  fied on the map entitled "Ozark-St. Francis  
12                  National Forest, Jasper, Arkansas, Tract 2735,  
13                  District 2, House" and dated July 26, 2000;  
14                  and

15                  (G) tract 7, "Tract 2574, District 2,  
16                  House" (approximately 0.75 acres), as identi-  
17                  fied on the map entitled "Ozark-St. Francis  
18                  National Forest, Jasper, Arkansas, Tract 2574,  
19                  District 2, House" and dated July 26, 2000.

20                  (b) APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES.—Except as other-  
21                  wise provided in this Act, any sale or exchange of land  
22                  described in subsection (a) shall be subject to laws (includ-  
23                  ing regulations) applicable to the conveyance and acqui-  
24                  sition of land for National Forest System purposes.

1       (c) CASH EQUALIZATION.—Notwithstanding any  
2 other provision of law, the Secretary may accept cash  
3 equalization payments in excess of 25 percent of the total  
4 value of the land described in subsection (a) from any ex-  
5 change under subsection (a).

6       (d) SOLICITATIONS OF OFFERS.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this Act, the  
8       Secretary may use solicitations of offers for sale or  
9       exchange under this Act on such terms and condi-  
10      tions as the Secretary may prescribe.

11           (2) REJECTION OF OFFERS.—The Secretary  
12      may reject any offer under this Act if the Secretary  
13      determines that the offer is not adequate or not in  
14      the public interest.

15 **SEC. 2. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.**

16      Any funds received by the Secretary through sale or  
17      by cash equalization from an exchange—

18           (1) shall be deposited into the fund established  
19      by Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as the  
20      “Sisk Act”) (16 U.S.C. 484a); and

21           (2) shall be available for expenditure, without  
22      further Act of appropriation, for—

23               (A) the acquisition, construction, or im-  
24      provement of administrative facilities for the

1           national forests in the States of Arkansas and  
2           Oklahoma; and

3           (B) the acquisition of land or interests in  
4           land in the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

5 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6           There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
7   as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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