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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Acre In, Acre Out
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO NET INCREASE IN CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—For acquisition of land by the
3 Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture
4 that would result in a net increase of total land acreage
5 under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, the
6 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of
7 Land Management, or the Forest Service, the Secretary
8 concerned shall offer for sale an equal number of acres
9 of Federal land that is under the same jurisdictional sta-
10 tus.

11 (b) EXEMPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
12 easements acquired—

13 (1) by the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate
14 management of Federal lands; or

15 (2) by the Secretary of Agriculture to facilitate
16 management of Federal lands.

17 (c) CONSIDERATION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Land sold pursuant to sub-
19 section (a) shall be offered for sale—

20 (A) at fair market value (based on local
21 comparable sales); and

22 (B) at a price that is reduced by 10 per-
23 cent each month if the land is not sold or under
24 contract to be sold by the date that is 6 months
25 after the land was first offered for sale.

1 (2) EXCEPTION.—Time periods during which
2 land is under contract for sale or withdrawn from
3 the market shall not be counted for the purposes of
4 price reduction under paragraph (1)(B).

5 (d) EXISTING RIGHTS.—The sale of Federal lands
6 pursuant to this section shall be subject to valid existing
7 rights.

8 (e) PROCEEDS OF SALE OF LANDS.—All net proceeds
9 from the sale of Federal lands pursuant to this section
10 shall be deposited directly into the Treasury for reduction
11 of the public debt.

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