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111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3511

[Report No. 111-483]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2009

Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

MAY 18, 2010

Additional sponsors: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HONDA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FARR, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. DRIEHAUS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. MCMAHON, Mr. MASSA, Mr. TONKO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. HIMES, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BOREN, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. HARE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, and Ms. BORDALLO

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 31, 2009]

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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 “Marianas Trench Ma-*
5 *rine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act*
6 *of 2010”.*

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 *In this Act:*

9 (1) *The terms “Marine National Monument” or*
10 *“monument” mean the Marianas Trench Marine Na-*
11 *tional Monument established by the President by a*
12 *proclamation dated January 6, 2009.*

13 (2) *The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
14 *the Interior.*

15 **SEC. 3. MARIANAS TRENCH MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT**
16 **VISITOR FACILITY.**

17 (a) **VISITOR FACILITY AUTHORIZATION.**—*The Sec-*
18 *retary is authorized to construct a multipurpose visitor fa-*
19 *cility in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-*
20 *lands for the interpretation and public education and en-*
21 *joyment of the marine environment within the boundaries*
22 *of the Marine National Monument.*

23 (b) **VISITOR FACILITY LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION.**—

24 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—*The Secretary shall locate the*
25 *visitor facility authorized under subsection (a) in the*

1 *Northern Mariana Islands at a location suitable to*
2 *fulfill the purposes of this Act.*

3 (2) *COMPONENTS OF VISITOR FACILITY.*—*The fa-*
4 *cility authorized under subsection (a) shall include—*

5 (A) *adequate space for permanent and tem-*
6 *porary exhibits depicting the biological, geologi-*
7 *cal, archaeological, cultural, and recreational*
8 *heritage of the monument;*

9 (B) *a venue for public education and inter-*
10 *pretive programs relevant to the natural, cul-*
11 *tural, and aesthetic resources of the monument,*
12 *including formal classroom space to provide op-*
13 *portunities for research, training, and formal*
14 *education regarding the monument;*

15 (C) *a location to highlight the importance of*
16 *the marine environment and the resources of the*
17 *monument to the people and culture of the Com-*
18 *monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and*
19 *other indigenous people and cultures of the West-*
20 *ern Pacific Ocean Basin;*

21 (D) *a location to provide information to the*
22 *general public about natural resources, parks,*
23 *museums, cultural resources, opportunities for*
24 *wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation, and travel*
25 *within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-*

1 *iana Islands that provide opportunities for the*
2 *visiting public to actively or passively experience*
3 *the monument and to gain greater awareness*
4 *and appreciation of the resources therein;*

5 *(E) sufficient visitor amenities including*
6 *restrooms, public telephones, drinking water, and*
7 *other basic facilities; and*

8 *(F) administrative office space sufficient to*
9 *fulfill the management obligations and respon-*
10 *sibilities of the Secretary and other Federal*
11 *agencies as specified in the monument's enabling*
12 *proclamation.*

13 **SEC. 4. DONATIONS.**

14 *For the purposes of the planning, construction, and op-*
15 *eration of the visitor facility authorized under section 3 of*
16 *this Act, the Secretary may accept, retain, and expend do-*
17 *nations of funds, and use property or services donated from*
18 *private persons and entities or from public entities.*

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