S. 1486

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

April 21, 1975

Mr. Byrd introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

A BILL

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Heritage National Scenic Trail"; (2) by deleting in the
second sentence thereof the words "the initial"; (3) by
deleting in paragraph (3) thereof the words "an advisory
council for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail" and in-
serting in lieu thereof "advisory councils for the Appalachian
and Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trails"; (4) by re-
 designating paragraph (3) thereof as paragraph (4); and
(5) by inserting immediately after paragraph (2) thereof
the following new paragraph:

"(3) The Potomac Heritage Trail, a corridor of ap-
proximately eight hundred and seventy-four miles extending
from the mouth of the Potomac River to its source (except
for one segment extending into Pennsylvania) following the
route as generally depicted on the map, identified as Na-
tional Trails System, Proposed Potomac Heritage Trail Cor-
ridor, which shall be on file and available for public inspec-
tion in the office of the Director of the National Park Service;

Provided, (i) That only those segments of the corridor lo-
cated within exterior boundaries of federally administered
areas are designated as the Potomac Heritage National
Scenic Trail by this Act; and (ii) That the Secretary of the
Interior may designate lands outside of federally adminis-
tered areas as segments of the Potomac Heritage National
Scenic Trail upon application from the States (including the
District of Columbia) or local governmental agencies in-
volved if such segments meet the criteria established in this
Act and are administered by such agencies without expense
to the United States. The segments of the Potomac Heritage
National Scenic Trail designated by this Act shall be ad-
ministered by the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation
with the heads of other Federal agencies where lands admin-
istered by them are involved. The Secretary of the Interior,
within three years after the effective date of this paragraph,
shall prepare guidelines for development, management, and
maintenance of the Potomac Heritage Trail, except that it
is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary, with respect
to his authority to provide certain facilities within the Poto-
mac Heritage National Scenic Trail, should immediately
utilize that authority to construct campsites, shelters, and
related public use facilities within those parts of such trail
which are located within areas of high unemployment."

Sec. 3. Section 7 (e) of the National Trails System Act
(16 U.S.C. 1246) is amended by inserting immediately
before the period at the end of the first sentence thereof a
comma and the following: "except that the foregoing pro-
visions of this proviso shall not apply to the Potomac Her-
itage National Scenic Trail."

Sec. 4. There are authorized to be appropriated such
sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
Act.
Heritage National Scenic Trail”; (2) by deleting in the second sentence thereof the words “the initial”; (3) by deleting in paragraph (3) thereof the words “an advisory council for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail” and inserting in lieu thereof “advisory councils for the Appalachian and Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trails”; (4) by redesignating paragraph (3) thereof as paragraph (4); and (5) by inserting immediately after paragraph (2) thereof the following new paragraph:

“(3) The Potomac Heritage Trail, a corridor of approximately eight hundred and seventy-four miles extending from the mouth of the Potomac River to its source (except for one segment extending into Pennsylvania) following the route as generally depicted on the map, identified as National Trails System, Proposed Potomac Heritage Trail Corridor, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Director of the National Park Service:

Provided, (i) That only those segments of the corridor located within exterior boundaries of federally administered areas are designated as the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail by this Act; and (ii) That the Secretary of the Interior may designate lands outside of federally administered areas as segments of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail upon application from the States (including the District of Columbia) or local governmental agencies involved if such segments meet the criteria established in this Act and are administered by such agencies without expense to the United States. The segments of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail designated by this Act shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the heads of other Federal agencies where lands administered by them are involved. The Secretary of the Interior, within three years after the effective date of this paragraph, shall prepare guidelines for development, management, and maintenance of the Potomac Heritage Trail, except that it is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary, with respect to his authority to provide certain facilities within the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, should immediately utilize that authority to construct campsites, shelters, and related public use facilities within those parts of such trail which are located within areas of high unemployment.”.

Sec. 3. Section 7 (c) of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1246) is amended by inserting immediately before the period at the end of the first sentence thereof a comma and the following: “except that the foregoing provisions of this proviso shall not apply to the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail”.

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