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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the New Bedford National Historic Land-
6 mark District and associated historic sites as de-

1 scribed in section 3(b) of this Act, including the
2 Schooner Ernestina, are National Historic Land-
3 marks and are listed on the National Register of
4 Historic Places as historic sites associated with the
5 history of whaling in the United States;

6 (2) the city of New Bedford was the 19th cen-
7 tury capital of the world's whaling industry and re-
8 tains significant architectural features, archival ma-
9 terials, and museum collections illustrative of this
10 period;

11 (3) New Bedford's historic resources provide
12 unique opportunities for illustrating and interpreting
13 the whaling industry's contribution to the economic,
14 social, and environmental history of the United
15 States and provide opportunities for public use and
16 enjoyment; and

17 ~~(4) the National Park System presently con-~~
18 ~~tains no sites commemorating whaling and its con-~~
19 ~~tribution to American history.~~

20 *(4) during the nineteenth century, over two thou-*
21 *sand whaling voyages sailed out of New Bedford for*
22 *the Arctic region of Alaska, and joined Alaska Natives*
23 *from Barrow, Alaska and other areas in the Arctic re-*
24 *gion in subsistence whaling activities; and*

1 (5) *the National Park System presently contains*
2 *no sites commemorating whaling and its contribution*
3 *to American history.*

4 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

5 (1) to help preserve, protect, and interpret the
6 resources within the areas described in section 3(b)
7 of this Act, including architecture, setting, and asso-
8 ciated archival and museum collections;

9 (2) to collaborate with the city of New Bedford
10 and with ~~local~~ *associated* historical, cultural, and
11 preservation organizations to further the purposes of
12 the park established under this Act; and

13 (3) to provide opportunities for the inspirational
14 benefit and education of the American people.

15 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

16 For the purposes of this Act:

17 (1) The term “park” means the New Bedford
18 Whaling National Historical Park established by sec-
19 tion 3.

20 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
21 of the Interior.

22 **SEC. 3. NEW BEDFORD WHALING NATIONAL HISTORICAL**
23 **PARK.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to preserve for the
25 benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States

1 as a national historical park certain districts structures,
2 and relies located in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and as-
3 sociated with the history of whaling and related social and
4 economic themes in America, there is established the New
5 Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

6 (b) BOUNDARIES.—(1) The boundaries of the park
7 shall be those generally depicted on the map numbered
8 NAR-P49-80000-4 and dated June 1994. Such map
9 shall be on file and available for public inspection in the
10 appropriate offices of the National Park Service. In case
11 of any conflict between the descriptions set forth in sub-
12 paragraphs (A) through (D) and such map, such map
13 shall govern. The park shall include the following:

14 (A) The area included within the New Bedford
15 National Historic Landmark District, known as the
16 Bedford Landing Waterfront Historic District, as
17 listed within the National Register of Historic Places
18 and in the Massachusetts State Register of Historic
19 Places.

20 (B) The National Historic Landmark Schooner
21 Ernestina, with its home port in New Bedford.

22 (C) The land along the eastern boundary of the
23 New Bedford National Historic Landmark District
24 over to the east side of MacArthur Drive from the

1 Route 6 overpass on the north to an extension of
2 School Street on the south.

3 (D) The land north of Elm Street in New Bed-
4 ford, bounded by Acushnet Avenue on the west,
5 Route 6 (ramps) on the north, MacArthur Drive on
6 the east, and Elm Street on the south.

7 (2) In addition to the sites, areas and relics referred
8 to in paragraph (1) , the Secretary may assist in the inter-
9 pretation and preservation of each of the following:

10 (A) The southwest corner of the State Pier.

11 (B) Waterfront Park, immediately south of land
12 adjacent to the State Pier.

13 (C) The Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden
14 Museum, located at 396 County Street.

15 (D) The Wharfinger Building, located on Piers
16 3 and 4.

17 (E) The Bourne Counting House, located on
18 Merrill's Wharf.

19 (c) *RELATED FACILITIES.—To ensure that the con-*
20 *tribution of Alaska Natives to the history of whaling in the*
21 *United States is fully recognized, the Secretary shall pro-*
22 *vide—(1) financial and other assistance to establish links*
23 *between the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park*
24 *and the North Slope Borough Cultural Center, located in*
25 *Barrow, Alaska; and (2) to provide other appropriate as-*

1 *sistance and funding for the North Slope Borough Cultural*
2 *Center.*

3 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF PARK.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The park shall be administered by
5 the Secretary in accordance with this Act and the provi-
6 sions of law generally applicable to units of the national
7 park system, including the Act entitled “An Act to estab-
8 lish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-
9 proved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2,
10 3, and 4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666;
11 16 U.S.C. 461–467).

12 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—(1) The Secretary
13 may consult and enter into cooperative agreements with
14 interested entities and individuals to provide for the pres-
15 ervation, development, interpretation, and use of the park.

16 (2) Any payment made by the Secretary pursuant to
17 a cooperative agreement under this subsection shall be
18 subject to an agreement that conversion, use, or disposal
19 of the project so assisted for purposes contrary to the pur-
20 poses of this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall
21 result in a right of the United States to reimbursement
22 of all funds made available to such project or the propor-
23 tion of the increased value of the project attributable to
24 such funds as determined at the time of such conversion,
25 use, or disposal, whichever is greater.

1 (c) NON-FEDERAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—(1)
2 Funds authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for
3 the purposes of—

4 (A) cooperative agreements under subsection
5 (b) shall be expended in the ratio of one dollar of
6 Federal funds for each four dollars of funds contrib-
7 uted by non-Federal sources; and

8 (B) construction, restoration, and rehabilitation
9 of visitor and interpretive facilities (other than an-
10 nual operation and maintenance costs) shall be ex-
11 pended in the ratio of one dollar of Federal funds
12 for each one dollar of funds contributed by non-Fed-
13 eral sources.

14 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, the Secretary
15 is authorized to accept from non-Federal sources, and to
16 utilize for purposes of this Act, any money so contributed.
17 With the approval of the Secretary, any donation of prop-
18 erty, services, or goods from a non-Federal source may
19 be considered as a contribution of funds from a non-Fed-
20 eral source for the purposes of this subsection.

21 (d) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—For the pur-
22 poses of the park, the Secretary may acquire only by dona-
23 tion lands, interests in lands, and improvements thereon
24 within the park.

1 (e) OTHER PROPERTY, FUNDS, AND SERVICES.—The
 2 Secretary may accept donated funds, property, and serv-
 3 ices to carry out this Act.

4 **SEC. 5. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

5 Not later than the end of the second fiscal year begin-
 6 ning after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
 7 shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House
 8 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and
 9 Natural Resources of the Senate a general management
 10 plan for the park and shall implement such plan as soon
 11 as practically possible. The plan shall be prepared in ac-
 12 cordance with section 12(b) of the Act of August 18, 1970
 13 (16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)) and other applicable law.

14 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
 16 (b), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums
 17 as may be necessary to carry out annual operations and
 18 maintenance with respect to the ~~park.~~ *park, and to carry*
 19 *out the activities under section 3(c).*

20 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—In carrying out this Act—

21 (1) not more than \$2,000,000 may be appro-
 22 priated for construction, restoration, and rehabilita-
 23 tion of visitor and interpretive facilities, and direc-
 24 tional and visitor orientation signage;

1 (2) none of the funds authorized to be appro-
2 priated by this Act may be used for the operation or
3 maintenance of the Schooner Ernestina; and

4 (3) not more than \$50,000 annually of Federal
5 funds may be used for interpretive and educational
6 programs for the Schooner Ernestina pursuant to
7 cooperative grants under section 4(b).