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To require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer all Federal land, facilities, and any other assets associated with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways to the State of Missouri for the purposes of maintaining a State park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Smith of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________

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. FINDINGS.
4 Congress finds as follows:
(1) The Ozark National Scenic Riverways was created under the auspices of protecting public access to the area indefinitely.

(2) The National Park Service has begun to prevent members of the public from accessing the lands that compose the park.

(3) The State of Missouri is able to maintain the park and ensure that it continues in substantially the same fashion as it has while maintaining public access.

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAYS.

The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes", approved August 27, 1964 (16 U.S.C. 460m, et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"Sec. 9. Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall convey to the State of Missouri, for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all Federal land, facilities, and any other assets associated with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, subject to the following conditions:
“(1) The Federal Government shall pay all of the costs of the conveyance under this section.

“(2) A covenant or restriction shall be in the deed to the land and facilities conveyed under this section requiring—

“(A) that the State of Missouri shall maintain and operate the land, facilities, and assets conveyed under this section, at the cost to the State, in substantially the same fashion as such land, facilities, and assets were being maintained by the Department of the Interior on the day before the date of the enactment of this section;

“(B) that if the State of Missouri attempts to sell, in whole or in part, the land, facilities, or assets conveyed under this section, such the land, facilities, and assets shall revert to the United States, at the discretion of the Secretary, at no cost to the United States;

“(C) that if the land and facilities conveyed under this section are no longer used as described in subparagraph (A), the land and facilities shall revert to the United States, at the discretion of the Secretary, at no cost to the United States; and
“(D) any other terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

"SEC. 10. The first section and sections 2 through 8 of this Act shall not apply during any period during which title to the land associated with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways is not held by the United States."
Constitutional Authority Statement

To accompany:

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Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2: "The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular state."