

## HR 1370

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Apr 3, 2001

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (May 15, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/house-bill/1370>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-4]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2002
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Dec 6, 2001

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Amends the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from awarding any concession that authorizes a person to use any land or water in the National Wildlife Refuge System for any activity conducted to provide accommodations, facilities, or services for visitors' recreational, educational, or interpretive enjoyment of System lands or waters, except under a standardized contract established pursuant to this Act.

Directs the Secretary, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to issue regulations requiring that any activity conducted in the System under the contract must be: (1) a compatible use; and (2) designed to conserve the System's natural and cultural resources, facilitate the enjoyment of System lands and waters, and enhance visitors' knowledge of the natural resources.

Requires the Secretary to include in any such contract provisions that: (1) authorize the person to maintain or repair any improvement on or in such land or water that the person is authorized to use; and (2) treat costs incurred by the person for such maintenance or repair as consideration otherwise required to be paid to the United States for such use.

Requires amounts received by the United States as fees or other payments required under any contract for use of real property located in an area of the System to be available to the Secretary for expenditure: (1) for use at the refuge or refuge complex with respect to which the amounts were received; (2) to increase the quality of the visitor experience; and (3) for backlogged repair and maintenance projects, for interpretation, signage, habitat, or facility enhancement, for resource protection and preservation, or for administration of agreements from which such amounts are derived.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) include in the comprehensive conservation plan for each refuge a description of the activities that may be conducted in the refuge and the lands, water, and facilities of the refuge that may be used under concession contracts; and (2) report annually to specified congressional committees on concessions activities in the System.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 15, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
- **May 14, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 107-455.
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- **May 14, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 270.
- **May 14, 2002:** Mr. Souder moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 14, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2394-2396)
- **May 14, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1370.
- **May 14, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2394-2395)
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- **May 14, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2002:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 24, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 6, 2001:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 6, 2001:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 20, 2001:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 18, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Apr 18, 2001:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Apr 3, 2001:** Introduced in House
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