

## HR 714

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 27, 2009

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 111-261.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 111-261. (Oct 8, 2010)

**Law:** 111-261 (Enacted Oct 8, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/714>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** VI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 15, 2009
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to Senate on March 2, 2010. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, if the long-term benefit to the Virgin Islands National Park would be greater by entering into a lease than by authorizing a concession contract, to enter into a lease with the owner of the retained use estate for the operation and management of the Caneel Bay resort on the island in the Park.

Allows the Secretary to acquire associated property.

Sets forth the terms and conditions for the lease authorized by this Act, including provisions ensuring protection of the natural, cultural, and historic features of the resort and associated property, consistent with the laws and policies applicable to property managed by the National Park Service (NPS).

Instructs the Secretary, in determining the fair market value rental of the lease, to take into consideration: (1) the value of any associated property conveyed; and (2) the value, if any, of the relinquished term of the retained use estate.

Makes rental amounts paid to the United States under the lease available for visitor services and resource protection within the Virgin Islands National Park.

Requires the Secretary to submit a proposed lease to Congress at least 60 days before the award of the lease.

Prohibits the extension or renewal of a lease entered into under this Act.

Requires, upon the termination of such a lease, that if the Secretary determines the continuation of commercial services at the resort to be appropriate, such services shall be provided in accordance with the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998.

Requires the owner of the retained use estate to terminate, extinguish, and relinquish to the Secretary all rights under the retained use estate and transfer, without consideration, ownership of improvements on the retained use estate to the NPS.

Requires an appraisal that is agreed to by the Secretary and the owner to determine the value, if any, of the relinquished term of the retained use estate, to be conducted in accordance with this Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 8, 2010:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 8, 2010:** Became Public Law No: 111-261.
- **Sep 30, 2010:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Mrs. Christensen moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments. (consideration: CR H7008)
- **Sep 28, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 714.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote.(text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H7008)
- **Sep 28, 2010:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to by voice vote. (text as House agreed to Senate amendments: CR H7008)
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 28, 2010:** Cleared for White House.
- **May 14, 2010:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 13, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S3761-3762; text as passed Senate: CR S3762)
- **May 13, 2010:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3761-3762; text as passed Senate: CR S3762)
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with amendments. With written report No. 111-146.
- **Mar 2, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 296.
- **Dec 16, 2009:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 15, 2009:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
- **Feb 24, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1622-1623)
- **Feb 23, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 714.
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1622)
- **Feb 23, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1622)
- **Feb 23, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.