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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2239

A bill to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 25, 1998*

S. 2239 would expand the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument to include three additional parcels of land totaling about 70 acres. The bill would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the additional acreage by purchase, donation, transfer, or exchange.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2239 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2239 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

CBO estimates that to implement the bill the NPS would incur only minor expenses typically associated with boundary revisions, such as the costs of surveying and mapping. We expect that the NPS would not have to purchase any of the lands added to the boundary of Fort Matanzas by S. 2239 because even though this land was never officially included in the monument, the NPS has held and managed all three parcels for many years. Two of the three parcels were donated to the government during the 1920s and 1960s, and the third parcel was intended for donation, but was inadvertently omitted from the legal description of a large parcel of land donated during the 1920s. The agency could incur legal expenses to establish clear title to that parcel, but CBO estimates that such expenses would not add significantly to the total cost of implementing the legislation because it is unlikely that anyone would contest the government's claim of ownership to the 1.6-acre site. Finally, because the NPS already manages the three parcels, CBO estimates that the agency would not incur any additional operating or maintenance costs as a result of the boundary revision.

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