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To provide for recreational access for floating cabins on the Tennessee River System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEADOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide for recreational access for floating cabins on the Tennessee River System, and for other purposes.

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. RECREATIONAL ACCESS OF FLOATING CABINS.**

4 The Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 (16
5 U.S.C. 831 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
6 16 the following:

7 **“SEC. 17. RECREATIONAL ACCESS.**

8 “(a) RECREATIONAL ACCESS PERMITTED.—The
9 Board may approve and allow the construction and use

1 of a floating cabin on waters under the jurisdiction of the
2 Corporation if—

3 “(1) the floating cabin is maintained by the
4 owner to reasonable health, safety, and environ-
5 mental standards, as required by the Board; and

6 “(2) the Corporation has authorized the use of
7 recreational vessels on such waters.

8 “(b) FEES.—The Board may levy fees on the owner
9 of a floating cabin on waters under the jurisdiction of the
10 Corporation for purposes of ensuring compliance with sub-
11 section (a), so long as such fees are necessary and reason-
12 able for such purposes.

13 “(c) CONTINUED RECREATIONAL USE.—With re-
14 spect to a floating cabin located on waters under the juris-
15 diction of the Corporation on the date of enactment of this
16 section, the Board—

17 “(1) may not require the removal of such float-
18 ing cabin—

19 “(A) in the case of a floating cabin that
20 was granted a permit by the Corporation before
21 the date of enactment of this section, for a pe-
22 riod of 15 years beginning on such date; and

23 “(B) in the case of a floating cabin not
24 granted a permit by the Corporation before the

1 date of enactment of this section, for a period
2 of 5 years beginning on such date; and

3 “(2) shall approve and allow the use of the
4 floating cabin on waters under the jurisdiction of the
5 Corporation at such time, and for such duration, as
6 the floating cabin meets the requirements of sub-
7 section (a) and the owner of such cabin has paid any
8 fee levied pursuant to subsection (b).

9 “(d) DEFINITION OF FLOATING CABIN.—In this sec-
10 tion, the term ‘floating cabin’ means every description of
11 watercraft or other floating structure primarily designed
12 and used for human habitation or occupation and not pri-
13 marily designed or used for navigation or transportation
14 on water.”.