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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3726

To establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Castle Nugent Na-  
5       tional Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) HISTORIC SITE.—The term “historic site”  
9       means the Castle Nugent National Historic Site es-  
10      tablished in section 3.

1           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior.

3 **SEC. 3. CASTLE NUGENT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

4           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as a unit  
5 of the National Park System the Castle Nugent National  
6 Historic Site on the Island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Is-  
7 lands, in order to preserve, protect, and interpret, for the  
8 benefit of present and future generations, a Caribbean cul-  
9 tural landscape that spans more than 300 years of agricul-  
10 tural use, significant archeological resources, mangrove  
11 forests, endangered sea turtle nesting beaches, an exten-  
12 sive barrier coral reef system, and other outstanding nat-  
13 ural features.

14          (b) BOUNDARIES.—The historic site consists of the  
15 approximately 2,900 acres of land extending from Lowrys  
16 Hill and Laprey Valley to the Caribbean Sea and from  
17 Manchenil Bay to Great Pond, along with associated sub-  
18 merged lands to the three-mile territorial limit, as gen-  
19 erally depicted on the map titled “\_\_\_\_\_”,  
20 numbered \_\_\_\_\_, and dated \_\_\_\_\_.

21          (c) MAP AVAILABILITY.—The map referred to in sub-  
22 section (b) shall be on file and available for public inspec-  
23 tion in the appropriate offices of the National Park Serv-  
24 ice, Department of the Interior.

25          (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
2           graph (2), the Secretary is authorized to acquire  
3           lands and interests in lands within the boundaries of  
4           the historic site by donation, purchase with donated  
5           or appropriated funds, or exchange.

6           (2) U.S. VIRGIN ISLAND LANDS.—The Sec-  
7           retary is authorized to acquire lands and interests in  
8           lands owned by the U.S. Virgin Islands or any polit-  
9           ical subdivision thereof only by donation or ex-  
10          change.

11 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

12          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
13          the historic site in accordance with this Act and with laws  
14          generally applicable to units of the National Park System,  
15          including—

16                (1) the National Park Service Organic Act (39  
17                Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

18                (2) the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666;  
19                16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

20          (b) SHARED RESOURCES.—To the greatest extent  
21          practicable, the Secretary shall use the resources of other  
22          sites administered by the National Park Service on the  
23          Island of St. Croix to administer the historic site.

24          (c) CONTINUED USE.—In order to maintain an im-  
25          portant feature of the cultural landscape of the historic

1 site, the Secretary may lease to the University of the Vir-  
2 gin Islands certain lands within the boundary of the his-  
3 toric site for the purpose of continuing the university's op-  
4 eration breeding Senepol cattle, a breed developed on St.  
5 Croix. A lease under this subsection shall contain such  
6 terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appro-  
7 priate, including those necessary to protect the values of  
8 the historic site.

9 (d) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than three years  
10 after funds are made available for this subsection, the Sec-  
11 retary shall prepare a general management plan for the  
12 historic site.

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