

Note: To see the effect of the bill in context, you can read "section 7(a)(1) of the Act of September 3, 1964" [by clicking here](#) if you are connected to the Internet (scroll down to the red text, then read to the end of the "second proviso" to see where the exception the bill would have created would have been inserted).

## **Senate Bill S2233 (1980)**

**Introduced by Alan Cranston to enable the Forest Service  
to buy more than 3,000 acres outside the Los Padres National Forest**

**Not passed by Congress**

# **A BILL**

**To permit the Forest Service to acquire lands outside the  
boundaries of the Los Padres National Forest in California.**

*1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
*2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
**3 That section 7(a)(1) of the Act of September 3, 1964, is**  
**4 amended by inserting after the second proviso the following:**  
**5 "Except that the foregoing provisos shall not apply to the**  
**6 Los Padres National Forest, California, and for any lands**  
**7 acquired the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish appro-**  
**8 priate forest boundaries."**

○

**Senator Cranston's statement from the Congressional Record  
upon introducing S2233**

By MR. CRANSTON:

S.2233. A bill to permit the Forest Service to acquire lands outside the boundaries of the Los Padres National Forest in California; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST**

•Mr. CRANSTON. Mr. President. I introduce for appropriate reference a bill to permit the Forest Service to acquire lands outside the Los Padres National Forest in California and incorporate them in the forest, irrespective of any existing provision of law limiting such land acquisition.

The Los Padres National Forest abuts the incredibly beautiful Big Sur coast, the largest and most scenic stretch of undeveloped coastline in the entire continental United States.

Currently there is a limitation of 3,000 acres on the amount of land the Forest Service can add to the Los Padres National Forest. Although the Forest Service is still within the statutory limit on expansion of the Los Padres, the Forest Service is not able to acquire — or even accept as a gift — some very desirable totally undeveloped properties along the coast because they are very large and would immediately put the forest over the acreage limitation.

Last year the Packard Foundation purchased the 3,040 Potter Ranch adjacent to the Los Padres Forest and donated the property to the University of California. This property would have been a splendid addition to the national forest system if only the Forest Service had been in a position to acquire the property.

I understand that there is another parcel on the market right now which the Trust for Public Lands has expressed an interest in.

But TPL needs some assurance that the land can be transferred to the Federal Government before it purchases the property.

The pressures for the breakup of the large landholdings along the Big Sur coast are continuing, and I anticipate that there will be other parcels on the market which will be in the Federal interest to acquire.

People who know the Big Sur coast and admire the area want to preserve it as it is today. They may want to make donations of land to the Forest Service. It makes no sense to put an arbitrary limitation on the amount of Big Sur land the Federal Government can acquire from landowners who wish to make gifts or bargain sales to the Forest Service. And it certainly is in the public interest to preserve this spectacular coastline for future generations to enjoy.

This bill does not require the expenditure of Federal funds and it does not authorize any new moneys. I am merely proposing that the cap on Los Padres Forest additions be lifted so that the Forest Service can accept donations of Big Sur lands, and adjust the boundaries of the forest accordingly.

Mr. President, I am aware of the keen public interest in the preservation of the Big Sur coast, and the considerable discussion on how best to accomplish this objective. I am introducing this bill today so that we can have hearings on this proposal at a very early date, and take appropriate action before there is any further breakup of the Big Sur lands.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed at this point in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S.2233

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7(a)(1) of the Act of September 3, 1964, is amended by inserting after the second proviso the following: "Except that the foregoing provisos shall not apply to the Los Padres National Forest, California, and for any lands acquired the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish appropriate forest boundaries."•*