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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Big Bend National
5 Park Boundary Adjustment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) MAP.—The term “map” entitled “Big Bend
2 National Park, Proposed Boundary Adjustment”,
3 numbered 155/167,296, and dated November 2022.

4 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Big
5 Bend National Park, established pursuant to the Act
6 of June 20, 1935 (49 Stat. 393; 16 U.S.C. 156).

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 **SEC. 3. BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUST-**
10 **MENT.**

11 (a) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary is author-
12 ized to acquire approximately 6,100 acres of lands or in-
13 terests in land generally depicted on the map as “Tracts
14 to Include in Boundary” by donation, purchase from will-
15 ing sellers, or exchange.

16 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file
17 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
18 fices of the National Park Service, the Department of the
19 Interior.

20 (c) BOUNDARY REVISION AND ADMINISTRATION.—
21 Upon the acquisition of any lands or interests in land pur-
22 suant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall revise the
23 boundary of the Park to include the acquisition, and shall
24 administer such lands or interests in land as part of the
25 Park in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

1 (d) EMINENT DOMAIN OR CONDEMNATION.—In car-
2 rying out this Act, the Secretary may not use eminent do-
3 main or condemnation.