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## [H.R. 2288, To remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia](#)

### FLOOR SITUATION

On Monday, November 30, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 2288](#), *a bill to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 2288 was introduced on May 13, 2015 by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported, as amended, by unanimous consent, on September 10, 2015.

### SUMMARY

H.R. 2288 removes use restrictions in the deed for a parcel land previously transferred by the National Park Service to Rockingham County, Virginia.

### BACKGROUND

In 1989, the Department of the Interior deeded a small parcel of land to Rockingham County, Virginia, for public purposes. This land includes a garage that had previously been used by the National Park Service. The County determined the non-profit Plains Area Day Care Center in Broadway, Virginia, which provides child care, would benefit from use of the garage. [Public Law 101-479](#) allowed the deed to be changed from public use for the particular use of the child care center. However, under the terms and restrictions of the transfer, the non-profit is unable to obtain loans to make improvements and renovations to the property.<sup>1</sup>

H.R. 2288, as amended, would release deed restrictions on a 1-acre portion of the property already authorized by law to be used for a child care facility. The bill also eliminates the requirement in section 2(d) of Public Law 101-479 for Rockingham County to report biennially to the Secretary of the Interior about the use of the property for a child care center, as well as other language in that section that is inconsistent with releasing the center from the deed restriction.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [House Report 114-286](#) at 1 and 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2.

## **COST**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing H.R. 2288 would have no effect on the federal budget. Because enacting H.R. 2288 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

## **STAFF CONTACT**

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