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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to provide an opportunity for public notice and comment with respect to land protection plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ARRINGTON 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 “Transparency in Fed-
5 eral Land Acquisitions Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTICE AND COMMENT FOR LAND PROTECTION**
2 **PLANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 553(a)
4 of title 5, United States Code, when preparing a land pro-
5 tection plan, the Director of the United States Fish and
6 Wildlife Service shall—

7 (1) not less than 60 days before the date on
8 which the land protection plan is finalized, publish
9 the proposed land protection plan in the Federal
10 Register; and

11 (2) after the publication required by paragraph
12 (1), give interested persons an opportunity to com-
13 ment on the draft land protection plan through sub-
14 mission of written data, views, or arguments.

15 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with
16 respect to a land protection plan for a proposed expansion
17 to a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System if such
18 expansion is comprised of a total acreage less than the
19 greater of the following:

20 (1) 50 acres.

21 (2) 15 percent of the total acreage of the unit.