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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 3430 - Improving the administration of the National Park System. This bill amends the general authorities granted to the Secretary of the Interior to provide for improvements in the administration of the National Park System.

Under the National Park System Organic Act of 1916, general authorities were granted to the Secretary of the Interior to regulate and protect the scenic, historic, and recreational value of National Park lands for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

S. 3430 will clarify these basic administrative authorities. This includes:

- Boating Regulations
- Meals and Lodging
- Travel Expenses for Dependents of Deceased Employees
- Legislative Jurisdiction
- Uniform Allowance
- Review of New Park Areas
- National Park System Advisory Board
- Law Enforcement
- Freedom of Information Act
- Congressional Oversight

Finally, the bill will require all proposed concession leases and contracts that involve a gross annual business of \$100,000 or more, or are to extend beyond five years, including renewals, to be submitted to the Congressional Interior Committees for a 60-day review.

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