



**H.R. 761 - To authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail**

**Floor Situation**

H.R. 761 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) on January 31, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Natural Resources by a voice vote.

H.R.761 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

**Summary**

This legislation allows the Secretary of Interior to convey 2 parcels of land to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that helps educate people on the travels of Lewis and Clark.

**Background**

The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation is an organization in Nebraska dedicated to preserving the past and teaching people about the famous Lewis and Clark expedition. The Center is surrounded by 79 acres of forest and is meant to give people an idea of what would have greeted the Lewis and Clark expedition 200 years ago.

The land is currently a parking lot and will continue to be used as a parking lot but will be owned and maintained by the Center instead of the government.

**Cost**

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), assuming appropriation of the authorized amount and based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that the Department of Interior would spend \$150,000 per year to assist with the operation of the facility. Enacting the legislation would not add to direct spending or revenues.

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