

Briefing Paper

Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public

Legislative Hearing

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H.R. 1113

H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes.

Summary of Bill:

H.R. 1113, introduced by Mr. Kingston (R-GA), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convey 4.8 acres of land within the boundary of Fort Frederica National Monument to Christ Church in exchange for 8.7 acres of land "to be acquired by Christ Church."

Background and Need for Legislation:

Christ Church in St. Simons Island, Georgia has doubled in size in the last nine years. The Church needs additional acreage to expand and it has arranged to acquire, then exchange 8.7 acres of historically significant island to the NPS for 4.8 acres in the Monument. The 8.7 acres that will be exchanged to the NPS is believed to have been occupied by James Oglethorpe and is contiguous to the Monument.

Witnesses:

Jeff Taylor, National Park Service

The Honorable Mack Mattingly, Retired U.S. Senator from Georgia

Administration Position:

Unknown

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