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Senator Richard Burr Reintroduces Legislation

A Senate bill to reinstate the Interim Management Strategy for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area has been introduced by Senator Richard Burr of North Carolina. The bill, known as S.1557, was filed August 3, 2009 and reintroduces S.3113 from the previous session of Congress.

The newly introduced bill would set aside the consent decree and reinstate the Interim Management Strategy issued by the National Park Service on June 13, 2007. The consent decree followed a lawsuit filed by special interest groups against the National Park Service. Reinstating the previous Interim Strategy provides reasonable access while also protecting shorebirds and sea turtles.

The filing of S.1557 occurs one week following a visit to Washington, D.C. by Dare County Board of Commissioners Chairman Warren Judge and County Manager and Attorney Bobby Outten.

“We went to Washington,” Judge said, “to meet face-to-face with members of Congress to explain the economic, social and cultural harm caused by beach closures.” He added, “We are grateful to Senator Burr for reintroducing S.1557. It is a step in the right direction for the residents and visitors of Dare County.”

The Washington, D.C. visit by Dare County officials was another in a series in recent years. Bobby Outten said, “It is important to meet with members of Congress on a regular basis.” He added, “The legislative process takes time, but we are optimistic our efforts will produce results as seen in this bill reintroduced by Senator Burr.”

S.1557 is the Senate version of H.R. 718 introduced earlier this year in the House of Representatives by Congressman Walter Jones. For more Information visit www.PreserveBeachAccess.org and encourage your elected officials to co-sponsor and support H.R. 718 and S.1557.

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