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CONGRESS TO REVIEW 1833 NY-NJ COMPACT ON LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- At the request of New Jersey Congressmen Frank J. Guarini (D-14) and Dean A. Gallo (R-11), the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations has scheduled an oversight hearing to examine the nature and scope of the 1833 agreement between New York and New Jersey regarding the territorial limits and jurisdiction of the two states over Liberty and Ellis Islands. The bistate compact was ratified by Congress in 1834. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 1986 in a room to be announced later.

The Subcommittee has invited over twenty legal and historical experts to submit written testimony. In addition to the two congressmen, the Subcommittee has invited the following individuals to appear before the panel on September 11: New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean; New York Governor Mario Cuomo; a representative from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; John Cunningham, former president, New Jersey Historical Commission and New Jersey Historical Society; Professor Lewis Luskey, Columbia University Law School; Professor Larry Bershad, Seton Hall University School of Law; and Joseph Bell, County Executive, Morris County, New Jersey.

For further information about the room assignment for the hearing, contact the above individuals or (202)225-3951 or (202)225-5741.

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