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109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1972

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Franklin National Bat-
5 tlefield Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
11 means the cities of Brentwood, Franklin, Triune,
12 Thompson’s Station, and Spring Hill, Tennessee.

13 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
15 special resource study of sites in the study area relating
16 to the Battle of Franklin to determine—

17 (1) the national significance of the sites; and

18 (2) the suitability and feasibility of including
19 the sites in the National Park System.

20 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study conducted under
21 subsection (a) shall include the analysis and recommenda-
22 tions of the Secretary on—

23 (1) the effect on the study area of including the
24 sites in the National Park System; and

1 (2) whether the sites could be included in an
2 existing unit of the National Park System or other
3 federally designated unit in the State of Tennessee.

4 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under
5 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

6 (1) appropriate Federal agencies and State and
7 local government entities; and

8 (2) interested groups and organizations.

9 (d) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
10 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with Pub-
11 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et seq.).

12 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

13 Not later than 3 years after the date funds are made
14 available for the study, the Secretary shall submit to the
15 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives
16 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
17 the Senate a report that describes—

18 (1) the findings of the study; and

19 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
20 Secretary.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 15,
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

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