

Union Calendar No. 159

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1972

[Report No. 109-289]

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

NOVEMBER 10, 2005

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 28, 2005]

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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” means*
11 *the cities of Brentwood, Franklin, Triune, Thomp-*
12 *son’s Station, and Spring Hill, Tennessee.*

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

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall conduct a spe-*
15 *cial resource study of sites in the study area relating to*
16 *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 sub-*
21 *section (a) shall include the analysis and recommendations*
22 *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 ex-*
2 *isting unit of the National Park System or other fed-*
3 *erally 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 sub-*
10 *section (a) shall be conducted in accordance with Public*
11 *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.*

21 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 *There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
23 *are necessary to carry out this Act.*

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