

Union Calendar No. 315

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4376

[Report No. 109-559]

To authorize the National Park Service to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of Springfield Technical Community College, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JULY 13, 2006

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 November 17, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Springfield Armory Na-*
3 *tional Historic Site, Massachusetts Act of 2006”.*

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 *Congress finds as follows:*

6 (1) *The Site commemorates the role of the*
7 *Springfield Armory in the Nation’s military history,*
8 *a role that the Armory served for almost 200 years.*

9 (2) *The role of the Springfield Armory began in*
10 *1777, when the site was selected as the location for a*
11 *magazine and laboratory for the development, produc-*
12 *tion and storage of guns and powder during the*
13 *American Revolution.*

14 (3) *Following the American Revolutionary War,*
15 *in 1794 Congress officially established the Springfield*
16 *Armory and for much of the 19th century the Spring-*
17 *field Armory developed and supplied most of the mili-*
18 *tary small arms manufactured by the United States*
19 *for the United States Armed Services.*

20 (4) *In addition to its historical role in the devel-*
21 *opment and manufacturing of small arms, the*
22 *Springfield Armory was also the site of Shay’s Rebel-*
23 *lion.*

24 (5) *In 1968 the Armory was deactivated as a*
25 *military installation and in 1974 Congress estab-*
26 *lished the Springfield Armory National Historic Site.*

1 *A portion of the Site is administered by the National*
2 *Park Service. The remainder of the Springfield Ar-*
3 *mory National Historic Site, known as the “Preserva-*
4 *tion Control Area”, is owned and administered by the*
5 *Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of Spring-*
6 *field Technical Community College.*

7 *(6) The Preservation Control Area contains sev-*
8 *eral historic buildings that are in a state of disrepair.*
9 *The deteriorating condition of these historic buildings*
10 *threatens to undermine the character and integrity of*
11 *the Springfield Armory National Historic Site and*
12 *their repair, renovation, maintenance and rehabilita-*
13 *tion is essential to the continued preservation of the*
14 *Site and its museum and collections.*

15 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION CONTROL AREA DEFINED.**

16 *For purposes of this Act, the term “Preservation Con-*
17 *trol Area” means that portion of the Site that is owned*
18 *by the Commonwealth, as defined in the Memorandum of*
19 *Understanding Between the United States and the Com-*
20 *monwealth of Massachusetts dated August 21, 1999.*

21 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE**
22 **PRESERVATION CONTROL AREA.**

23 *The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Na-*
24 *tional Park Service, may enter into a cooperative agree-*
25 *ment with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf*

1 *of Springfield Technical Community College to provide fi-*
2 *nancial assistance to that college for the purpose of main-*
3 *taining, preserving, renovating, and rehabilitating any his-*
4 *toric structures within the Springfield Armory National*
5 *Historic Site, including historic structures located within*
6 *the Preservation Control Area.*

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