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H. R. 3821

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites and resources at Matewan, West Virginia, associated with the Battle of Matewan to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic areas as a unit of the National Park System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 12, 2007

Mr. RAHALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Battle of Matewan
5 Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
3 (hereafter referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
4 complete a special resource study of the sites and re-
5 sources at Matewan, West Virginia, associated with the
6 Battle of Matewan (also known as the Matewan Massacre)
7 of May 19, 1920, to determine—

8 (1) the suitability and feasibility of designating
9 certain historic areas of Matewan, West Virginia, as
10 a unit of the National Park System; and

11 (2) the methods and means for the protection
12 and interpretation of such historic areas by the Na-
13 tional Park Service, other Federal, State, or local
14 government entities, or private or non-profit organi-
15 zations.

16 (b) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall
17 conduct the study in accordance with section 8(c) of Pub-
18 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

19 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
20 on which funds are made available to carry out this Act,
21 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural
22 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
23 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
24 a report containing—

25 (1) the results of the study; and

1 (2) any recommendations of the Secretary.

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