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2^D SESSION**S. 2421****[Report No. 106-317]**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2000

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 27, 2000

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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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 “Upper Housatonic Val-
3 ley National Heritage Area Study Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “Study Area”
9 means the Upper Housatonic Valley National Herit-
10 age Area, comprised of—

11 (A) the part of the watershed of the
12 Housatonic River, extending 60 miles from
13 Lanesboro, Massachusetts, to Kent, Con-
14 necticut;

15 (B) the towns of Canaan, Cornwall, Kent,
16 Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, and
17 Warren, Connecticut; and

18 (C) the towns of Alford, Dalton,
19 Egremont, Great Barrington, Hinsdale,
20 Lanesboro, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount
21 Washington, New Marlboro, Pittsfield, Rich-
22 mond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham,
23 Washington, and West Stockbridge, Massachu-
24 setts.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete
4 a study of the Study Area.

5 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study shall determine,
6 through appropriate analysis and documentation, whether
7 the Study Area—

8 (1) includes an assemblage of natural, histor-
9 ical, and cultural resources that represent distinctive
10 aspects of the heritage of the United States that—

11 (A) are worthy of recognition, conserva-
12 tion, interpretation, and continued use; and

13 (B) would best be managed—

14 (i) through partnerships among public
15 and private entities; and

16 (ii) by combining diverse and, in some
17 cases, noncontiguous resources and active
18 communities;

19 (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
20 folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the
21 United States;

22 (3) provides outstanding opportunities to con-
23 serve natural, historical, cultural, or scenic features;

24 (4) provides outstanding recreational and edu-
25 cational opportunities;

1 (5) contains resources important to any theme
2 of the Study Area that retains a degree of integrity
3 capable of supporting interpretation;

4 (6) includes residents, business interests, non-
5 profit organizations, and State and local govern-
6 ments that—

7 (A) are involved in the planning of the
8 Study Area;

9 (B) have developed a conceptual financial
10 plan that outlines the roles of all participants
11 for development and management of the Study
12 Area, including the Federal Government; and

13 (C) have demonstrated support for the
14 concept of a national heritage area;

15 (7) has a potential management entity to work
16 in partnership with residents, business interests,
17 nonprofit organizations, and State and local govern-
18 ments to develop a national heritage area consistent
19 with continued State and local economic activity;
20 and

21 (8) is depicted on a conceptual boundary map
22 that is supported by the public.

23 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the
24 Secretary shall consult with—

25 (1) State historic preservation officers;

1 (2) State historical societies; and

2 (3) other appropriate organizations.

3 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after the
4 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
5 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Re-
6 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
8 a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
9 tions of the study.

10 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 to
12 carry out this Act.

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