

Union Calendar No. 25

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 182

[Report No. 107-36]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

Mr. SIMMONS (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Ms. DELAURO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

APRIL 3, 2001

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

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eight Mile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

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 “Eight Mile River Wild
3 and Scenic River Study Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Eight Mile River in the State of Con-
7 necticut possesses important resource values, includ-
8 ing wildlife, ecological, and scenic values, and his-
9 toric sites and a cultural past important to Amer-
10 ica’s heritage;

11 (2) there is strong support among State and
12 local officials, area residents, and river users for a
13 cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area;
14 and

15 (3) there is a longstanding interest among
16 State and local officials, area residents, and river
17 users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort
18 to manage the river in a productive and meaningful
19 way.

20 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

21 Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
22 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing new paragraph:

24 “(138) EIGHT MILE RIVER, CONNECTICUT.—The
25 segment from its headwaters downstream to its confluence
26 with the Connecticut River.”.

1 “(18) The study of the Eight Mile River, Con-
2 necticut, named in paragraph (138) of subsection (a) shall
3 be completed by the Secretary of the Interior and the re-
4 port thereon submitted to Congress not later than 3 years
5 after the date of the enactment of this paragraph.”.

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
8 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

10 *This Act may be cited as the “Eightmile River Wild*
11 *and Scenic River Study Act of 2001”.*

12 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

13 *The Congress finds that—*

14 (1) *the Eightmile River in the State of Con-*
15 *necticut possesses important resource values, includ-*
16 *ing wildlife, ecological, and scenic values, and historic*
17 *sites and a cultural past important to America’s her-*
18 *itage;*

19 (2) *there is strong support among State and*
20 *local officials, area residents, and river users for a co-*
21 *operative wild and scenic river study of the area; and*

22 (3) *there is a longstanding interest among State*
23 *and local officials, area residents, and river users in*
24 *undertaking a concerted cooperative effort to manage*
25 *the river in a productive and meaningful way.*

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6 *ment from its headwaters downstream to its confluence with*
7 *the Connecticut River.”.*

8 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

9 *Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*
10 *U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
11 *lowing new paragraph:*

12 *“(18) The study of the Eightmile River, Connecticut,*
13 *named in paragraph (138) of subsection (a) shall be com-*
14 *pleted by the Secretary of the Interior and the report there-*
15 *on submitted to Congress not later than 3 years after the*
16 *date of the enactment of this paragraph.”.*

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 *There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as*
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Amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.”.

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