

Union Calendar No. 417

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3630

[Report No. 107-675]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2002

Mrs. MEEK of Florida (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Ms. ROSELEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Additional sponsors: Mr. SHAW, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BOYD, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. GOSS, and Mr. CRENSHAW

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Reported with an amendment, 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 *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 24, 2002]

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the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

4 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—*

5 *(1) the Tequesta Indians were one of the earliest*
 6 *groups to establish permanent villages in southeast*
 7 *Florida;*

8 *(2) the Tequestas had one of only two North*
 9 *American civilizations that thrived and developed*
 10 *into a complex social chiefdom without an agricul-*
 11 *tural base;*

12 *(3) the Tequesta sites that remain preserved*
 13 *today are rare;*

14 *(4) the discovery of the Miami Circle, occupied*
 15 *by the Tequesta approximately 2,000 years ago, pre-*
 16 *sents a valuable new opportunity to learn more about*
 17 *the Tequesta culture; and*

18 *(5) Biscayne National Park also contains and*
 19 *protects several prehistoric Tequesta sites.*

20 *(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to direct the*
 21 *Secretary to conduct a special resource study to determine*
 22 *the national significance of the Miami Circle site as well*

1 *as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the Na-*
2 *tional Park System as part of Biscayne National Park.*

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 *In this Act:*

5 (1) *MIAMI CIRCLE.*—*The term “Miami Circle”*
6 *means the Miami Circle archaeological site in Miami-*
7 *Dade County, Florida.*

8 (2) *PARK.*—*The term “Park” means Biscayne*
9 *National Park in the State of Florida.*

10 (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
11 *the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-*
12 *rector of the National Park Service.*

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

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 3 years after the*
15 *date funds are made available, the Secretary shall conduct*
16 *a special resource study as described in subsection (b). In*
17 *conducting the study, the Secretary shall consult with the*
18 *appropriate American Indian tribes and other interested*
19 *groups and organizations.*

20 (b) *COMPONENTS.*—*In addition to a determination of*
21 *national significance, feasibility, and suitability, the spe-*
22 *cial resource study shall include the analysis and rec-*
23 *ommendations of the Secretary with respect to—*

1 (1) *which, if any, particular areas of or sur-*
2 *rounding the Miami Circle should be included in the*
3 *Park;*

4 (2) *whether any additional staff, facilities, or*
5 *other resources would be necessary to administer the*
6 *Miami Circle as a unit of the Park; and*

7 (3) *any impact on the local area that would re-*
8 *sult from the inclusion of Miami Circle in the Park.*

9 (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 30 days after completion*
10 *of the study, the Secretary shall submit a report describing*
11 *the findings and recommendations of the study to the Com-*
12 *mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and*
13 *the Committee on Resources of the United States House of*
14 *Representatives.*

15 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There are*
16 *authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary*
17 *to carry out this Act.*

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