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[Report No. 107-179]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2001

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 26, 2002

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with amendments

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Niagara Falls National
3 Heritage Area Study Act”.

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.—~~

9 ~~(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “study area”~~
10 ~~means the segment of the Niagara River in Ni-~~
11 ~~agara County, New York, that extends from Ni-~~
12 ~~agara Falls, New York, to the mouth of the Ni-~~
13 ~~agara River at Lake Ontario.~~

14 ~~(B) INCLUSION.—The term “study area”~~
15 ~~includes land in any municipality that is adja-~~
16 ~~cent to the Niagara River in Niagara County,~~
17 ~~New York.~~

18 *(2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area” means*
19 *lands in Niagara County, New York, along and in the*
20 *vicinity of the Niagara River.*

21 **SEC. 3. NIAGARA RIVER FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**
22 **STUDY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
24 study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a
25 heritage area in the State of New York to be known as
26 the “Niagara Falls National Heritage Area”.

1 (b) ANALYSES AND DOCUMENTATION.—The study
2 shall include analysis and documentation of whether the
3 study area—

4 (1) contains an assemblage of natural, histor-
5 ical, scenic, and cultural resources that represent
6 distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United
7 States that—

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

10 (B) would best be managed—

11 (i) through partnerships among public
12 and private entities; and

13 (ii) by combining diverse and some-
14 times noncontiguous resources and active
15 communities;

16 (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and
17 folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the
18 United States;

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

21 (4) provides outstanding recreational and edu-
22 cational opportunities;

23 (5) contains resources important to the identi-
24 fied theme of the study area that retain a degree of
25 integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

1 (6) includes residents, business interests, non-
2 profit organizations, and State and local govern-
3 ments that—

4 (A) are involved in planning a national
5 heritage area;

6 (B) have developed a conceptual financial
7 plan for a national heritage area that outlines
8 the roles for all participants, including the Fed-
9 eral Government; and

10 (C) have demonstrated support for the
11 concept of a national heritage area;

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

18 (8) has a conceptual boundary map that is sup-
19 ported by the public.

20 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the
21 Secretary shall consult with—

22 (1) State and local agencies; and

23 (2) interested organizations within the study
24 area.

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

8 (e) ~~AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is~~
9 ~~authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section~~
10 ~~\$300,000.~~

11 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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