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[Report No. 108-61]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2003

Mr. HOLLINGS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 9, 2003

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment

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

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era.

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 “Beaufort, South Caro-
5 lina, Study Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) STUDY AREA.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “study area”
7 means the area comprised of historical sites in
8 the historic district of Beaufort, South Caro-
9 lina, relating to the Reconstruction Era.

10 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “study area”
11 includes—

12 (i) the Penn School;

13 (ii) the Old Fort Plantation on the
14 Beaufort River;

15 (iii) the Freedmen’s Bureau in Beau-
16 fort College;

17 (iv) the First Freedmen’s Village of
18 Mitchellville on Hilton Head Island;

19 (v) various historic buildings and ar-
20 chaeological sites associated with Robert
21 Smalls;

22 (vi) the Beaufort Arsenal; and

23 (vii) other significant sites relating to
24 the Reconstruction Era.

1 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall conduct a
3 special resource study of the study area to assess the suit-
4 ability and feasibility of designating the study area as a
5 unit of the National Park System.

6 (b) **APPLICABLE LAW.**—The study required under
7 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
8 tion 8(e) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(e)).

9 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 3 years after the date
10 on which funds are made available to carry out the study
11 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
12 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives
13 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
14 the Senate a report that describes—

15 (1) the findings of the study; and

16 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
17 Secretary.

18 **SEC. 4. THEME STUDY.**

19 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall conduct a na-
20 tional historic landmark theme study to identify sites and
21 resources in the United States that are significant to the
22 Reconstruction Era.

23 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The theme study shall include rec-
24 ommendations for commemorating and interpreting sites
25 and resources identified by the theme study, including—

1 (1) sites that should be nominated as national
2 historic landmarks; and

3 (2) sites for which further study for potential
4 inclusion in the National Park System should be au-
5 thorized.

6 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 3 years after the date
7 on which funds are made available to carry out the study
8 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
9 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives
10 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
11 the Senate a report that describes—

12 (1) the findings of the study; and

13 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
14 Secretary.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
17 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

19 *This Act may be cited as the “Beaufort County, South*
20 *Carolina, Study Act of 2003”.*

21 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

22 *In this Act:*

23 (1) **SECRETARY.**—*The term “Secretary” means*
24 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

1 (2) *STUDY AREA.*—*The term “study area” means*
2 *the historical sites in Beaufort County, South Caro-*
3 *lina, relating to the Reconstruction Era including—*

4 (A) *the Penn School;*

5 (B) *the Old Fort Plantation on the Beaufort*
6 *River;*

7 (C) *the Freedman’s Bureau in Beaufort*
8 *College;*

9 (D) *the first Freedman’s Village of*
10 *Mitchellville on Hilton Head Island;*

11 (E) *various historic buildings and archae-*
12 *ological sites associated with Robert Smalls;*

13 (F) *the Beaufort Arsenal; and*

14 (G) *other significant sites relating to the*
15 *Reconstruction Era.*

16 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

17 (a) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary shall conduct a special re-*
18 *source study of the study area to assess the national signifi-*
19 *cance, suitability and feasibility of designating the study*
20 *area as a unit of the National Park System in accordance*
21 *with section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–*
22 *5(c)).*

23 (b) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 3 years after the date*
24 *on which funds are made available to carry out the special*
25 *resource study, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-*

1 *port that describes the findings of the study and any conclu-*
2 *sions and recommendations of the Secretary.*

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4 *(a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a national*
5 *historic landmark theme study to identify sites and re-*
6 *sources in the United States that are significant to the Re-*
7 *construction Era, and shall include recommendations for*
8 *commemorating and interpreting sites and resources identi-*
9 *fied by the theme study such as sites that should be nomi-*
10 *nated as national historic landmarks and sites that war-*
11 *rant further study for potential inclusion in the National*
12 *Park System.*

13 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date*
14 *on which funds are made available to carry out the theme*
15 *study, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report*
16 *that describes the findings of the study and any conclusions*
17 *and recommendations of the Secretary.*

18 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 *There are authorized to be appointed such sums as are*
20 *necessary to carry out this Act.*

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