

Union Calendar No. 55

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 309

[Report No. 110-90]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2007

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 17, 2007

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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 5, 2007]

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4 *The purpose of this Act is to establish a demonstration*
5 *program to facilitate landscape restoration programs with-*
6 *in those units of the National Park System established by*
7 *statute to preserve and interpret resources associated with*
8 *American military history.*

9 **SEC. 2. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

10 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*The Secretary of the Interior*
11 *(hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”), acting*
12 *through the Director of the National Park Service, shall*
13 *carry out a demonstration program that provides that re-*
14 *ceipts from timber sales shall be retained for expenditure*
15 *within units of the National Park System from which the*
16 *timber is removed as part of an approved plan for the res-*
17 *toration or protection of park resources or values.*

18 (b) *PARTICIPATION.*—*The Secretary shall permit each*
19 *of the 24 National Battlefields, National Battlefield Parks,*
20 *National Military Parks, and National Battlefield Sites in*
21 *existence on the date of the enactment of this Act to partici-*
22 *pate in the demonstration program authorized by sub-*
23 *section (a) if the unit has in place, before the date of the*
24 *enactment of this Act, a general management plan, cultural*
25 *landscape plan, or other resources management plan ap-*

1 *proved pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act*
2 *of 1969 (43 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), that identifies specific tim-*
3 *ber for removal for purposes of cultural or historic land-*
4 *scape restoration or fuel load reduction.*

5 *(c) USE OF RECEIPTS.—Each unit selected to partici-*
6 *pate in the demonstration program authorized under sub-*
7 *section (a) shall retain receipts from the sale or disposal*
8 *of timber removed from that unit. Such receipts shall be*
9 *available for expenditure without further appropriation or*
10 *fiscal year limitation for the following purposes only:*

11 *(1) Landscape restoration within the unit.*

12 *(2) Interpretive services within the unit.*

13 *(3) Eradication of disease, insects, or invasive*
14 *species within the unit.*

15 *(4) Fuel load reduction within the unit.*

16 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

17 *Two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the*
18 *Secretary shall submit a report to the House Natural Re-*
19 *sources Committee and the Senate Committee on Energy*
20 *and Natural Resources that contains the results of the dem-*
21 *onstration program authorized under this Act, including—*

22 *(1) a detailed accounting of the receipts gen-*
23 *erated in each unit by the demonstration program;*

24 *(2) the expenditure by each unit of those receipts;*

25 *and*

1 (3) *any resource or other impacts, positive or*
2 *negative, on each participating unit.*

3 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

4 *The authority granted to the Secretary in section 2*
5 *shall expire 4 years after the date of the enactment of this*
6 *Act.*

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