

**Calendar No. 783**110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 662****[Report No. 110-351]**

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JUNE 16, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]**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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Harriet Beecher Stowe  
5 House Special Resource Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) Harriet Beecher Stowe, who lived from  
9 1811 to 1896, was an important author, humani-  
10 tarian, and abolitionist during the 19th century;

11 (2) from the period beginning in 1850 and end-  
12 ing in 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe lived at the  
13 house located at 63 Federal Street in Brunswick,  
14 Maine (referred to in this Act as the “Harriet Bee-  
15 cher Stowe House”);

16 (3) while living in that house, Harriet Beecher  
17 Stowe penned “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”, 1 of the most  
18 influential antislavery novels that introduced to the  
19 citizens of the United States the horrors of slavery;

20 (4) the influence of that novel proved to be so  
21 great that it prompted President Abraham Lincoln,  
22 when meeting with Harriet Beecher Stowe, to re-  
23 mark “So you’re the little lady who wrote the book  
24 that started this Great War.”;

25 (5) “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”—

1           (A) has been translated into 23 languages;  
2           and

3           (B) is still considered by many critics and  
4           academics to be the most famous example of  
5           antislavery literature; and

6           (6) the Harriet Beecher Stowe House was des-  
7           ignated as a National Historic Landmark in 1963.

8 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

9           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the  
10          date on which funds are made available to carry out this  
11          Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act  
12          as the “Secretary”) shall complete a study of the Harriet  
13          Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to evaluate—

14               (1) the national significance of the Harriet Bee-  
15               cher Stowe House and surrounding land; and

16               (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating  
17               the Harriet Beecher Stowe House and surrounding  
18               land as a unit of the National Park System.

19           (b) STUDY GUIDELINES.—In conducting the study  
20          authorized under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use  
21          the criteria for the study of areas for potential inclusion  
22          in the National Park System contained in section 8(e) of  
23          Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(e)).

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

2 Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds  
 3 are made available to carry out this Act, the Secretary  
 4 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
 5 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Re-  
 6 sources of the House of Representatives a report con-  
 7 taining the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of  
 8 the study conducted under section 3.

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
 11 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

12 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

13 *This Act may be cited as the “Harriet Beecher Stowe*  
 14 *House Special Resource Study Act”.*

15 **SEC. 2. HARRIET BEECHER STOWE HOUSE SPECIAL RE-**  
 16 **SOURCE STUDY.**

17 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the*  
 18 *date on which funds are made available to carry out this*  
 19 *Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act*  
 20 *as the “Secretary”) shall complete a special resource study*  
 21 *of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine,*  
 22 *to evaluate—*

23 *(1) the national significance of the Harriet Bee-*  
 24 *cher Stowe House and surrounding land; and*

1           (2) *the suitability and feasibility of designating*  
2           *the Harriet Beecher Stowe House and surrounding*  
3           *land as a unit of the National Park System.*

4           (b) *STUDY GUIDELINES.*—*In conducting the study au-*  
5           *thorized under subsection (a), the Secretary shall use the*  
6           *criteria for the study of areas for potential inclusion in the*  
7           *National Park System contained in section 8(c) of Public*  
8           *Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).*

9           **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

10          *On completion of the study required under section 2,*  
11          *the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and*  
12          *Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Nat-*  
13          *ural Resources of the House of Representatives a report con-*  
14          *taining the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of*  
15          *the study.*

16          **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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