

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 340

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2009

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

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Camp Security Na-  
5       tional Historic Site Study Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Camp Security is believed to be the only un-  
2           disturbed prisoner-of-war camp from the Revolu-  
3           tionary War remaining in the United States.

4           (2) Built at the direction of the Continental  
5           Congress, Camp Security housed over 1,000 British  
6           prisoners of war between 1781 and 1783.

7           (3) The vast majority of British soldiers impris-  
8           oned at Camp Security were captured as a result of  
9           the Continental Army's pivotal victories at the Bat-  
10          tles of Saratoga and Yorktown.

11          (4) Large portions of Camp Security were built  
12          along a steep hill using terraces, a unique architec-  
13          tural and earthwork feature.

14          (5) Upon the 1783 adoption of the Treaty of  
15          Paris, Camp Security was closed and those prisoners  
16          who did not marry local women and settle in the  
17          area returned to their families in Great Britain.

18          (6) Recent excavations and surveys of the site  
19          identified intact archeological deposits and recovered  
20          numerous domestic and military artifacts.

21 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

22          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
23          submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of  
24          Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
25          ural Resources of the Senate a study of the suitability and

1 feasibility of designating Camp Security, located in  
2 Springettsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania, as  
3 a unit of the National Park System.

4 (b) PROCESS.—Section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383  
5 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)) shall apply to the conduct of the  
6 study required by this section, except that the study shall  
7 be submitted pursuant to subsection (a) not later than 18  
8 months after the date on which funds are first made avail-  
9 able for the study.

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