

Union Calendar No. 148

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 685

[Report No. 111-267]

To require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2009

Mr. CLAY (for himself and Mr. WAMP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

Additional sponsors: Mr. SOUDER, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BARROW, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Ms. CLARKE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WATT, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Ms. WATSON, Ms. FUDGE, and Ms. WATERS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

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

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 26, 2009]

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 “United States Civil*
5 *Rights Trail Special Resource Study Act of 2009”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY REGARDING PROPOSED**

7 **UNITED STATES CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.**

8 *(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior*
9 *shall conduct a special resource study for the purpose of*
10 *evaluating a range of alternatives for protecting and inter-*
11 *preting sites associated with the struggle for civil rights in*
12 *the United States, including alternatives for potential addi-*
13 *tion of some or all of the sites to the National Trails System.*

14 *(b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall conduct the*
15 *special resource study in consultation with appropriate*
16 *Federal, State, county, and local governmental entities.*

17 *(c) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall con-*
18 *duct the study required under subsection (a) in accordance*
19 *with section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c))*
20 *and section 5(b) of the National Trails System Act (16*
21 *U.S.C. 1244(b)), as appropriate.*

22 *(d) STUDY OBJECTIVES.—In conducting the special re-*
23 *source study, the Secretary shall evaluate alternatives for*
24 *achieving the following objectives:*

1 (1) *Identifying the resources and historic themes*
2 *associated with the movement to secure racial equal-*
3 *ity in the United States for African-Americans that,*
4 *focusing on the period from 1954 through 1968, chal-*
5 *lenged the practice of racial segregation in the Nation*
6 *and achieved equal rights for all American citizens.*

7 (2) *Making a review of existing studies and re-*
8 *ports, such as the Civil Rights Framework Study, to*
9 *complement and not duplicate other studies of the his-*
10 *torical importance of the civil rights movements that*
11 *may be underway or undertaken.*

12 (3) *Establishing connections with agencies, orga-*
13 *nizations, and partnerships already engaged in the*
14 *preservation and interpretation of various trails and*
15 *sites dealing with the civil rights movement.*

16 (4) *Protecting historically significant landscapes,*
17 *districts, sites, and structures.*

18 (5) *Identifying alternatives for preservation and*
19 *interpretation of the sites by the National Park Serv-*
20 *ice, other Federal, State, or local governmental enti-*
21 *ties, or private and nonprofit organizations, includ-*
22 *ing the potential inclusion of some or all of the sites*
23 *in a National Civil Rights Trail.*

24 (6) *Identifying cost estimates for any necessary*
25 *acquisition, development, interpretation, operation,*

1 *and maintenance associated with the alternatives de-*
2 *veloped under the special resource study.*

3 *(e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on*
4 *which funds are made available to carry out this section,*
5 *the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Re-*
6 *sources of the House of Representatives and the Committee*
7 *on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report*
8 *containing the results of the study conducted under sub-*
9 *section (c) and any recommendations of the Secretary with*
10 *respect to the route.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed United States Civil Rights Trail, and for other purposes.”.

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