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To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut,  
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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
ural Resources

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## A BILL

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of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

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 “Coltsville National His-  
5 torical Park Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For the purposes of this Act:

8 (1) CITY.—The term “city” means the city of  
9 Hartford, Connecticut.

1           (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
2 means the Coltsville National Historical Park Advi-  
3 sory Commission established by subsection 6(a).

4           (3) HISTORIC DISTRICT.—The term “Historic  
5 District” means the Coltsville Historic District.

6           (4) MAP.—The term “map” means the map ti-  
7 tled “Coltsville National Historical Park—Proposed  
8 Boundary”, numbered \_\_\_\_\_, and dated  
9 \_\_\_\_\_.

10          (5) PARK.—The term “park” means the  
11 Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of  
12 Connecticut.

13          (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14 the Secretary of the Interior.

15          (7) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
16 of Connecticut.

17 **SEC. 3. COLTSVILLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

18          (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
20 there is established in the State a unit of the Na-  
21 tional Park Service to be known as the “Coltsville  
22 National Historical Park”.

23           (2) CONDITIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—The  
24 park shall not be established until the date on which  
25 the Secretary determines that—

1 (A) the Secretary has acquired by donation  
 2 sufficient land or an interest in land within the  
 3 boundary of the park to constitute a manage-  
 4 able unit;

5 (B) the State, city, or property owner, as  
 6 appropriate, has entered into a written agree-  
 7 ment with the Secretary to donate at least  
 8 10,000 square feet of space in the East Armory  
 9 which would include facilities for park adminis-  
 10 tration and visitor services; or

11 (C) the Secretary has entered into a writ-  
 12 ten agreement with the State, city, or other  
 13 public entity, as appropriate, providing that—

14 (i) land owned by the State, city, or  
 15 other public entity within the Coltsville  
 16 Historic District will be managed con-  
 17 sistent with this section; and

18 (ii) future uses of land within the his-  
 19 toric district will be compatible with the  
 20 designation of the park and the city's pres-  
 21 ervation ordinance.

22 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The park shall include and pro-  
 23 vide appropriate interpretation and viewing of the fol-  
 24 lowing sites, as generally depicted on the map:

25 (1) The East Armory.

- 1           (2) The Church of the Good Shepherd.
- 2           (3) The Caldwell/Colt Memorial Parish House.
- 3           (4) Colt Park.
- 4           (5) The Potsdam Cottages.
- 5           (6) Armsmear.
- 6           (7) The James Colt House.

7           (c) COLLECTIONS.—The Secretary shall enter into a  
8 written agreement with the State of Connecticut State Li-  
9 brary, Wadsworth Atheneum, and the Colt Trust, or other  
10 public entities, as appropriate, to gain appropriate access  
11 to Colt-related artifacts for the purposes of having items  
12 routinely on display in the East Armory or within the park  
13 as determined by the Secretary as a major function of the  
14 visitor experience.

15 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

16           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
17 the park in accordance with—

- 18           (1) this section; and
- 19           (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the  
20 National Park System, including—
  - 21           (A) the National Park Service Organic Act  
22           (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and
  - 23           (B) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.  
24           461 et seq.).

1 (b) STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.—Nothing in  
2 this section enlarges, diminishes, or modifies any authority  
3 of the State, or any political subdivision of the State (in-  
4 cluding the city)—

5 (1) to exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction; or

6 (2) to carry out State laws (including regula-  
7 tions) and rules on non-Federal land located within  
8 the boundary of the park.

9 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—As the Secretary determines  
11 to be appropriate to carry out this section, the Sec-  
12 retary may enter into cooperative agreements with  
13 the owner of any property within the Coltsville His-  
14 toric District or any nationally significant properties  
15 within the boundary of the park, under which the  
16 Secretary may identify, interpret, restore, rehabili-  
17 tate, and provide technical assistance for the preser-  
18 vation of the properties.

19 (2) RIGHT OF ACCESS.—A cooperative agree-  
20 ment entered into under paragraph (1) shall provide  
21 that the Secretary, acting through the Director of  
22 the National Park Service, shall have the right of  
23 access at all reasonable times to all public portions  
24 of the property covered by the agreement for the  
25 purposes of—

1 (A) conducting visitors through the prop-  
2 erties; and

3 (B) interpreting the properties for the pub-  
4 lic.

5 (3) CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS.—No changes  
6 or alterations shall be made to any properties cov-  
7 ered by a cooperative agreement entered into under  
8 paragraph (1) unless the Secretary and the other  
9 party to the agreement agree to the changes or al-  
10 terations.

11 (4) CONVERSION, USE, OR DISPOSAL.—Any  
12 payment by the Secretary under this subsection shall  
13 be subject to an agreement that the conversion, use,  
14 or disposal of a project for purposes contrary to the  
15 purposes of this section, as determined by the Sec-  
16 retary, shall entitle the United States to reimburse-  
17 ment in an amount equal to the greater of—

18 (A) the amounts made available to the  
19 project by the United States; or

20 (B) the portion of the increased value of  
21 the project attributable to the amounts made  
22 available under this subsection, as determined  
23 at the time of the conversion, use, or disposal.

24 (5) MATCHING FUNDS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the  
 2 receipt of funds under this subsection, the Sec-  
 3 retary shall require that any Federal funds  
 4 made available under a cooperative agreement  
 5 shall be matched on a 1-to-1 basis by non-Fed-  
 6 eral funds.

7 (B) FORM.—With the approval of the Sec-  
 8 retary, the non-Federal share required under  
 9 subparagraph (A) may be in the form of do-  
 10 nated property, goods, or services from a non-  
 11 Federal source.

12 (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—Land or interests in  
 13 land owned by the State or any political subdivision of the  
 14 State may be acquired only by donation.

15 (e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC INTERPRE-  
 16 TATION.—The Secretary may provide technical assistance  
 17 and public interpretation of related historic and cultural  
 18 resources within the boundary of the historic district.

19 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after  
 21 the date on which funds are made available to carry out  
 22 this subsection, the Secretary, in consultation with the  
 23 Commission, shall complete a management plan for the  
 24 park in accordance with—





1 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

2 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be  
3 composed of 11 members, to be appointed by the  
4 Secretary, of whom—

5 (A) 2 members shall be appointed after  
6 consideration of recommendations submitted by  
7 the Governor of the State;

8 (B) 1 member shall be appointed after con-  
9 sideration of recommendations submitted by the  
10 State Senate President;

11 (C) 1 member shall be appointed after con-  
12 sideration of recommendations submitted by the  
13 Speaker of the State House of Representatives;

14 (D) 2 members shall be appointed after  
15 consideration of recommendations submitted by  
16 the Mayor of Hartford, Connecticut;

17 (E) 2 members shall be appointed after  
18 consideration of recommendations submitted by  
19 Connecticut's 2 United States Senators;

20 (F) 1 member shall be appointed after con-  
21 sideration of recommendations submitted by  
22 Connecticut's First Congressional District Rep-  
23 resentative;

24 (G) 2 members shall have experience with  
25 national parks and historic preservation;

1 (H) all appointments must have significant  
2 experience with and knowledge of the Coltsville  
3 Historic District; and

4 (I) 1 member of the Commission must live  
5 in the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood with-  
6 in the Coltsville Historic District.

7 (2) INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Secretary  
8 shall appoint the initial members of the Commission  
9 not later than the earlier of—

10 (A) the date that is 30 days after the date  
11 on which the Secretary has received all of the  
12 recommendations for appointments under para-  
13 graph (1); or

14 (B) the date that is 30 days after the park  
15 is established.

16 (d) TERM; VACANCIES.—

17 (1) TERM.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—A member shall be ap-  
19 pointed for a term of 3 years.

20 (B) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member may be  
21 reappointed for not more than 1 additional  
22 term.

23 (2) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission  
24 shall be filled in the same manner as the original ap-  
25 pointment was made.

1 (e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the  
2 call of—

3 (1) the Chairperson; or

4 (2) a majority of the members of the Commis-  
5 sion.

6 (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the Commission shall  
7 constitute a quorum.

8 (g) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall select  
10 a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among the  
11 members of the Commission.

12 (2) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Vice Chairperson  
13 shall serve as Chairperson in the absence of the  
14 Chairperson.

15 (3) TERM.—A member may serve as Chair-  
16 person or Vice Chairperson for not more than 1 year  
17 in each office.

18 (h) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

19 (1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Com-  
21 mission shall serve without compensation.

22 (B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the  
23 Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, in-  
24 cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates  
25 authorized for an employee of an agency under

1 subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United  
2 States Code, while away from the home or reg-  
3 ular place of business of the member in the per-  
4 formance of the duties of the Commission.

5 (2) STAFF.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
7 provide the Commission with any staff members  
8 and technical assistance that the Secretary,  
9 after consultation with the Commission, deter-  
10 mines to be appropriate to enable the Commis-  
11 sion to carry out the duties of the Commission.

12 (B) DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.—The Sec-  
13 retary may accept the services of personnel de-  
14 tailed from the State or any political subdivi-  
15 sion of the State.

16 (i) FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.—Section 14(b) of the  
17 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not  
18 apply to the Commission.

19 (j) TERMINATION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Unless extended under para-  
21 graph (2), the Commission shall terminate on the  
22 date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment  
23 of this Act.

24 (2) EXTENSION.—Eight years after the date of  
25 enactment of this Act, the Commission shall make a

1 recommendation to the Secretary if a governing body  
2 of its nature is still necessary to oversee the creation  
3 and development of the park. If, based on a rec-  
4 ommendation under this paragraph, the Secretary  
5 determines that the Commission is still necessary,  
6 the Secretary may extend the life of this Commission  
7 for a time not to exceed 10 years.

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