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S. 472

To provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “National Monuments
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS.**

7 The Act of June 8, 1906 (16 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in section 2 (16 U.S.C. 431), by striking
10 “**SEC. 2.** That the” and inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS.**

2 “After obtaining congressional approval of the pro-
3 posed national monument and certifying compliance with
4 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
5 4321 et seq.) with respect to the proposed national monu-
6 ment, the”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 5. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC USE.**

9 “The Secretary of the Interior shall not implement
10 any restrictions on the public use of a national monument
11 until the expiration of an appropriate review period (as
12 determined by the Secretary of the Interior) providing for
13 public input and congressional approval.”.

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