

**Calendar No. 633**113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 1328****[Report No. 113–293]**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JULY 18, 2013

Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

DECEMBER 10, 2014

Reported by Ms. LANDRIEU, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “New Philadelphia, Illi-  
3 nois, Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) Frank McWorter, an enslaved man, bought  
7 his freedom and the freedom of 15 family members  
8 by mining for crude niter in Kentucky caves and  
9 processing the mined material into saltpeter;

10 (2) New Philadelphia, founded in 1836 by  
11 Frank McWorter, was the first town planned and le-  
12 gally registered by a free African-American before  
13 the Civil War;

14 (3) the first railroad constructed in the area of  
15 New Philadelphia bypassed New Philadelphia, which  
16 led to the decline of New Philadelphia; and

17 (4) the New Philadelphia site—

18 (A) is a registered National Historic Land-  
19 mark;

20 (B) is covered by farmland; and

21 (C) does not contain any original buildings  
22 of the town or the McWorter farm and home  
23 that are visible above ground.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior.

3           (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “Study Area”  
4           means the New Philadelphia archeological site and  
5           the surrounding land in the State of Illinois.

6 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

7           (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a special  
8           resource study of the Study Area.

9           (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
10          section (a), the Secretary shall—

11           (1) evaluate the national significance of the  
12          Study Area;

13           (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of  
14          designating the Study Area as a unit of the National  
15          Park System;

16           (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,  
17          protection, and interpretation of the Study Area  
18          by—

19                   (A) Federal, State, or local governmental  
20                  entities; or

21                   (B) private and nonprofit organizations;

22           (4) consult with—

23                   (A) interested Federal, State, or local gov-  
24                  ernmental entities;

25                   (B) private and nonprofit organizations; or

1 (C) any other interested individuals; and

2 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-  
3 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and  
4 maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-  
5 ered under paragraph (3).

6 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under  
7 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-  
8 tion 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
10 on which funds are first made available for the study  
11 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the  
12 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
14 Resources of the Senate a report containing—

15 (1) the results of the study; and

16 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the  
17 Secretary.

18 (e) FUNDING.—The study authorized under this sec-  
19 tion shall be carried out using existing funds of the Na-  
20 tional Park Service.



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