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S. 311

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Ms. LANDRIEU 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 “Lower Mississippi
5 River Area Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

3 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area” in-
4 cludes Fort St. Philip, Fort Jackson, the Head of
5 Passes, and any related and supporting historical,
6 cultural, and recreational resources located in
7 Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

8 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
10 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
11 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the State of Lou-
12 isiana and other interested organizations, shall complete
13 a special resource study that evaluates—

14 (1) the national significance of the study area;
15 and

16 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
17 the study area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
18 tem.

19 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study under sub-
20 section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the
21 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park
22 System in section 8(c) of National Park System General
23 Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

24 (c) CONTENT.—The study described in subsection (a)
25 shall—

1 (1) include cost estimates for the potential ac-
2 quisition, development, operation, and maintenance
3 of the study area; and

4 (2) identify alternatives for the management,
5 administration, and protection of the study area.

6 **SEC. 4. DONATIONS.**

7 The Secretary may accept the donation of funds to
8 carry out this Act.

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
11 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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