

Union Calendar No. 331

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3371

[Report No. 114–434]

To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. LOUDERMILK (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. WESTMORELAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Additional sponsors: Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, 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 “Kennesaw Mountain
5 National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of
6 2015”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield
10 Park was authorized as a unit of the National Park
11 System on June 26, 1935. Prior to 1935, parts of
12 the park had been acquired and protected by Civil
13 War veterans and the War Department.

14 (2) Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield
15 Park protects Kennesaw Mountain and Kolb’s
16 Farm, which are battle sites along the route of Gen-
17 eral Sherman’s 1864 campaign to take Atlanta.

18 (3) Most of the park protects Confederate posi-
19 tions and strategy. The Wallis House is one of the
20 few original structures remaining from the Battle of
21 Kennesaw Mountain associated with Union positions
22 and strategy.

23 (4) The Wallis House is strategically located
24 next to a Union signal station at Harriston Hill.

1 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; LAND ACQUISITION; AD-**
2 **MINISTRATION.**

3 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of the
4 Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is modified
5 to include the approximately 8 acres identified as “Wallis
6 House and Harriston Hill”, and generally depicted on the
7 map titled “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield
8 Park, Proposed Boundary Adjustment”, numbered 325/
9 80,020, and dated February 2010.

10 (b) MAP.—The map referred to in subsection (a)
11 shall be on file and available for inspection in the appro-
12 priate offices of the National Park Service.

13 (c) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of the Inte-
14 rior is authorized to acquire, from willing owners only,
15 land or interests in land described in subsection (a) by
16 donation or exchange.

17 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—The
18 Secretary of the Interior shall administer land and inter-
19 ests in land acquired under this section as part of the Ken-
20 nesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in accordance
21 with applicable laws and regulations.

22 (e) WRITTEN CONSENT OF OWNER.—No non-Fed-
23 eral property may be included in the Kennesaw Mountain
24 National Battlefield Park without the written consent of
25 the owner. This provision shall apply only to those por-
26 tions of the Park added under subsection (a).

1 (f) NO USE OF CONDEMNATION.—The Secretary of
2 the Interior may not acquire by condemnation any land
3 or interests in land under this Act or for the purposes
4 of this Act.

5 (g) NO BUFFER ZONE CREATED.—Nothing in this
6 Act, the establishment of the Kennesaw Mountain Na-
7 tional Battlefield Park, or the management plan for the
8 Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park shall be
9 construed to create buffer zones outside of the Park. That
10 activities or uses can be seen, heard, or detected from
11 areas within the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield
12 Park shall not preclude, limit, control, regulate or deter-
13 mine the conduct or management of activities or uses out-
14 side the Park.

Union Calendar No. 331

114TH CONGRESS
2D Session

H. R. 3371

[Report No. 114-434]

A BILL

To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes.

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed