

Union Calendar No. 76

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1715

[Report No. 115–123]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

MAY 16, 2017

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

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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 “Medgar Evers House
5 Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall con-
8 duct a special resource study of the home of the late civil
9 rights activist Medgar Evers, located at 2332 Margaret
10 Walker Alexander Drive in Jackson, Mississippi.

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

13 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
14 site;

15 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
16 designating the site as a unit of the National Park
17 System;

18 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
19 protection, and interpretation of the site by Federal,
20 State, or local governmental entities, or private and
21 nonprofit organizations;

22 (4) consult with interested Federal, State, or
23 local governmental entities, private and nonprofit or-
24 ganizations or any other interested individuals;

1 (5) determine the effect of the designation of
2 the site as a unit of the National Park System on
3 existing commercial and recreational uses, and the
4 effect on State and local governments to manage
5 those activities;

6 (6) identify any authorities, including con-
7 demnation, that will compel or permit the Secretary
8 to influence or participate in local land use decisions
9 (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-Federal
10 land if the site is designated a unit of the National
11 Park System; and

12 (7) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
13 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
14 maintenance associated with the alternatives.

15 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
16 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
17 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

18 (d) STUDY RESULTS.—Not later than 3 years after
19 the date on which funds are first made available for the
20 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
21 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
23 Resources of the Senate the results of the study and any
24 conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

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