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To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, 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 “Protecting States,
5 Opening National Parks Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS TO STATES TO OPEN**
2 **NATIONAL PARKS TO THE PUBLIC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
4 funds are made available, the Secretary of the Treasury,
5 using funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
6 and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts,
7 and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corpora-
8 tions, and other organizational units of government for the
9 fiscal year 2014, shall reimburse any State for activities
10 described in subsection (b).

11 (b) ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—
12 The Secretary of the Treasury shall reimburse States
13 under subsection (a) for State funds expended for activi-
14 ties that meet all of the following criteria:

15 (1) The activity was conducted in fiscal year
16 2014 during a time when the Federal Government
17 was not conducting that activity due to the partial
18 shutdown of the Federal Government.

19 (2) The activity was necessary to operate and
20 open to the public a National Park located, in whole
21 or in part, within the State.

22 (3) The activity was authorized under Federal
23 law.

24 (4) The activity was conducted in a manner and
25 at a level not substantially greater in scope or cost

1 than how the activity would have been conducted by
2 the Federal Government.

3 (5) The activity is not a settlement of or de-
4 fense against a claim of liability on the part of the
5 State.

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