

PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MILITARY PARKS, NATIONAL PARKS,
BATTLE SITES, NATIONAL MONUMENTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS
MEMORIALS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

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Mr. McSWAIN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 5233]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5233) to provide for the protection of national military parks, national parks, battle sites, national monuments, and miscellaneous memorials under the control of the War Department, having considered the same, submit the following report thereon with the recommendation that it do pass.

This bill is proposed by the Secretary of War, and his letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, explaining its purpose, is made a part of this report, and reads as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 16, 1932.*

THE SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: There is inclosed a draft of a bill to provide for the protection of national military parks, national parks, battlefield sites, national monuments, and miscellaneous memorials under control of the War Department, which the War Department presents for the consideration of the Congress with a view to its enactment into law.

The applicable provisions of existing law on this subject are as follows:

Act of March 3, 1897 (29 Stat. 621), which provides for the protection of national military parks.

Act of February 11, 1895 (28 Stat. 651), which provides for the establishment of the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. 1097), providing for the protection of public lands.

Act of July 17, 1916 (39 Stat. 385), providing for the Lincoln Farm and Memorial.

Act of August 19, 1890 (26 Stat. 333), providing for the establishment of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

Act of March 26, 1928 (45 Stat. 367), providing for the establishment of the Fort Donelson National Military Park.

Act of February 14, 1927 (44 Stat. 1091), providing for the establishment of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial.

Act of March 2, 1917 (39 Stat. 996), providing for the establishment of the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.

Act of March 3, 1931 (46 Stat. 1508), providing for the establishment of the Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Act of June 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 684), providing for the establishment of the Moores Creek National Military Park.

Act of July 3, 1926 (44 Stat. 823), providing for the establishment of the Petersburg National Military Park.

Act of December 27, 1894 (28 Stat. 597), providing for the establishment of the Shiloh National Military Park.

Act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1399), providing for the establishment of the Stones River National Military Park.

Act of February 21, 1899 (30 Stat. 841), providing for the establishment of the Vicksburg National Military Park.

Act of June 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225), providing for the protection of American antiquities.

In order to properly protect these activities, the laws authorizing the establishment of most of them provided that the Secretary of War should make needed regulations. However, adequate authority of law does not exist for the enforcement of the regulations promulgated by the Secretary of War for the protection of these activities, or for the punishment of persons who violate the regulations. The proposed law is designed to afford proper protection to the various National Military Parks, and similar activities under the control of the War Department.

Sincerely yours,

PATRICK J. HURLEY,
Secretary of War.

