

Union Calendar No. 315

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4021

[Report No. 106-570]

To authorize a study to determine the best scientific method for the long-term protection of California's giant sequoia groves.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. DOOLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

APRIL 11, 2000

Additional sponsor: Mr. HERGER

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Giant Sequoia Groves
3 Protection and Management Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

5 (a) STUDY OF GIANT SEQUOIA GROVES.—Within 30
6 days of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
7 shall enter into an agreement with and provide funding,
8 to the National Academy of Sciences (“NAS”), the Board
9 on Agriculture and Natural Resources, (“Board”), to con-
10 duct a detailed, comprehensive study of the ecology, man-
11 agement and protection of sequoia groves within the Se-
12 quoa National Forest and to provide science-based rec-
13 ommendations for future management.

14 (1) CONTENTS.—The study shall identify and
15 consider—

16 (A) the best management practices nec-
17 essary to protect, restore and maintain the
18 long-term health, and to ensure adequate regen-
19 eration and expansion of the giant sequoia
20 groves, including methods of reducing the po-
21 tential for catastrophic fire and loss to insects
22 and disease;

23 (B) the adequacy of existing federal and
24 state forest management regulations, programs
25 and practices in the Sequoia National Forest

1 with regard to the objectives in subparagraph
2 (1)(A);

3 (C) the adequacy of existing federal and
4 state forest management regulations, programs
5 and practices on the forests outside of the se-
6 quioia groves in terms of how they affect the
7 health of the sequoia groves;

8 (D) recommendations and conclusions re-
9 garding how federal and state forest manage-
10 ment could be coordinated and improved to
11 achieve the goals in subparagraph (1)(A).

12 (2) CONSULTATION.—In preparation of the
13 study, the Board shall consult with the relevant
14 state and federal regulatory authorities to identify
15 and evaluate relevant regulations, programs and
16 practices.

17 (3) EXISTING LITERATURE.—The Board shall
18 review and synthesize published literature pertaining
19 to giant sequoia, including the 1996 Sierra Nevada
20 Ecosystem Project Report to Congress and its anal-
21 ysis of giant sequoia health.

22 (b) REPORT.—No later than 18 months after the
23 date on which the agreement is entered under subsection
24 (a), the Board shall submit a final report to the appro-

1 priate federal agencies, the Congress and the Governor of
2 California.

3 (c) FUNDS.—From the funds made available for
4 roads and trails within the U.S. Forest Service, the Sec-
5 retary shall provide to the NAS such funds as it requests,
6 not to exceed \$800,000 for the purpose of conducting this
7 analysis.

8 (d) NATIONAL MONUMENTS.—On or after the date
9 of enactment, no lands within the boundaries of the Se-
10 quoya National Forest shall be available for proclamation
11 as a national monument by the President of the United
12 States, under the authority granted by the Act of June
13 8, 1906 (34 Stat. 225, 16 U.S.C. 431; popularly known
14 as the Antiquities Act of 1906) until at least 90 days after
15 publication of the final report authorized in subsection (b).

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