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# H. R. 1361

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BOYD, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. GOSS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. SHAW, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. FEENEY, and Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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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. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
3 funds are made available for this section, the Secretary  
4 of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”)  
5 shall conduct a special resource study to determine the  
6 national significance of the Miami Circle archeological site  
7 in Miami-Dade County, Florida (hereinafter referred to as  
8 “Miami Circle”), as well as the suitability and feasibility  
9 of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of  
10 Biscayne National Park. In conducting the study, the Sec-  
11 retary shall consult with the appropriate American Indian  
12 tribes and other interested groups and organizations.

13 (b) CONTENT OF STUDY.—In addition to deter-  
14 mining national significance, feasibility, and suitability,  
15 the study shall include the analysis and recommendations  
16 of the Secretary on—

17 (1) any areas in or surrounding the Miami Cir-  
18 cle that should be included in Biscayne National  
19 Park;

20 (2) whether additional staff, facilities, or other  
21 resources would be necessary to administer the  
22 Miami Circle as a unit of Biscayne National Park;  
23 and

24 (3) any effect on the local area from the inclu-  
25 sion of Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park.

1       (c) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 30  
2 days after completion of the study, the Secretary shall  
3 submit a report on the findings and recommendations of  
4 the study to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
5 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources  
6 of the United States House of Representatives.

7       (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
8 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
9 essary to carry out this section.

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