

# Union Calendar No. 211

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1594

[Report No. 108-361]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

NOVEMBER 17, 2003

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 3, 2003]

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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. ST. CROIX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.**

2 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This section may be cited as the*  
3 *“St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act”.*

4 (b) *STUDY.*—*The Secretary of the Interior, in con-*  
5 *sultation with appropriate State historic preservation offi-*  
6 *cers, States historical societies, and other appropriate orga-*  
7 *nizations, shall conduct a study regarding the suitability*  
8 *and feasibility of designating the island of St. Croix as the*  
9 *St. Croix National Heritage Area. The study shall include*  
10 *analysis, documentation, and determination regarding*  
11 *whether the island of St. Croix—*

12 (1) *has an assemblage of natural, historic, and*  
13 *cultural resources that together represent distinctive*  
14 *aspects of American heritage worthy of recognition,*  
15 *conservation, interpretation, and continuing use, and*  
16 *are best managed through partnerships among public*  
17 *and private entities and by combining diverse and*  
18 *sometimes noncontiguous resources and active com-*  
19 *munities;*

20 (2) *provides outstanding opportunities to con-*  
21 *serve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features;*

22 (3) *provides outstanding recreational and edu-*  
23 *cational opportunities;*

24 (4) *contains resources important to the identified*  
25 *theme or themes of the island of St. Croix that retain*

1        *a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpreta-*  
2        *tion;*

3            *(5) includes residents, business interests, non-*  
4        *profit organizations, and local and State governments*  
5        *that are involved in the planning, have developed a*  
6        *conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles of all*  
7        *participants (including the Federal Government), and*  
8        *have demonstrated support for the concept of a na-*  
9        *tional heritage area;*

10           *(6) has a potential management entity to work*  
11        *in partnership with residents, business interests, non-*  
12        *profit organizations, and local and State governments*  
13        *to develop a national heritage area consistent with*  
14        *continued local and State economic activity; and*

15           *(7) has a conceptual boundary map that is sup-*  
16        *ported by the public.*

17        *(c) PRIVATE PROPERTY.—In conducting the study re-*  
18        *quired by this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall*  
19        *analyze the potential impact that designation of the area*  
20        *as a national heritage area is likely to have on land within*  
21        *the proposed area or bordering the proposed area that is*  
22        *privately owned at the time that the study is conducted.*

23           *(d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 fiscal years after the*  
24        *date on which funds are first made available for this sec-*  
25        *tion, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the Com-*

- 1 *mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the*
- 2 *Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate*
- 3 *a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations*
- 4 *as the Secretary deems appropriate.*



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