

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2722

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Camp Security, located in Springettsbury, York County, Pennsylvania, as a unit of the National Park System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2005

Mr. PLATTS (for himself, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. SHERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Camp Security Na-
5 tional Historic Site Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Camp Security is believed to be the only un-
2 disturbed prisoner-of-war camp from the Revolu-
3 tionary War remaining in the United States.

4 (2) Built at the direction of the Continental
5 Congress, Camp Security housed over 1,000 British
6 prisoners of war between 1781 and 1783.

7 (3) The vast majority of British soldiers impris-
8 oned at Camp Security were captured as a result of
9 the Continental Army's pivotal victories at the Bat-
10 tles of Saratoga and Yorktown.

11 (4) Large portions of Camp Security were built
12 along a steep hill using terraces, a unique architec-
13 tural and earthwork feature.

14 (5) Upon the 1783 adoption of the Treaty of
15 Paris, Camp Security was closed and those prisoners
16 who did not marry local women and settle in the
17 area returned to their families in Great Britain.

18 (6) Recent excavations and surveys of the site
19 identified intact archeological deposits and recovered
20 numerous domestic and military artifacts.

21 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
23 submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of
24 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
25 ural Resources of the Senate a study of the suitability and

1 feasibility of designating Camp Security, located in
2 Springettsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania, as
3 a unit of the National Park System.

4 (b) PROCESS.—Section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383
5 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)) shall apply to the conduct of the
6 study required by this section, except that the study shall
7 be submitted pursuant to subsection (a) not later than 18
8 months after the date on which funds are first made avail-
9 able for the study.

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