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S. 1387

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2005

Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “John H. Chafee Black-
3 stone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthor-
4 ization Act of 2005”.

5 **SEC. 2. JOHN H. CHAFEE BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NA-**
6 **TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.**

7 (a) COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP.—Section 3(b) of
8 Public Law 99–647 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “nineteen members” and insert-
10 ing “25 members”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) by striking “six” and inserting “6”;

13 and

14 (B) by striking “Department of Environ-
15 mental Management Directors from Rhode Is-
16 land and Massachusetts” and inserting “the Di-
17 rector of the Rhode Island Department of Envi-
18 ronmental Management and the Secretary of
19 the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environ-
20 mental Affairs”;

21 (3) in paragraph (3)—

22 (A) by striking “four” each place it ap-
23 pears and inserting “5”; and

24 (B) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

25 (4) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) by striking “two” each place it appears
 2 and inserting “3”; and

3 (B) by striking the period and inserting “;
 4 and”; and

5 (5) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 “(5) 1 representative of a nongovernmental or-
 8 ganization from Massachusetts and 1 from Rhode
 9 Island, to be appointed by the Secretary, which have
 10 expertise in historic preservation, conservation, out-
 11 door recreation, cultural conservation, traditional
 12 arts, community development, or tourism.”.

13 (b) QUORUM.—Section 3(f)(1) of Public Law 99–647
 14 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended by striking “Ten” and
 15 inserting “13”.

16 (c) UPDATE OF PLAN.—Section 6 of Public Law 99–
 17 647 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended by adding at the
 18 end the following:

19 “(e) UPDATE OF PLAN.—(1) Not later than 2 years
 20 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Com-
 21 mission shall update the plan under subsection (a).

22 “(2) In updating the plan under paragraph (1), the
 23 Commission shall take into account the findings and rec-
 24 ommendations included in the Blackstone Sustainability

1 Study conducted by the National Park Service Conserva-
 2 tion Study Institute.”

3 “(3) The update shall include—

4 “(A) performance goals; and

5 “(B) an analysis of—

6 “(i) options for preserving, enhancing, and
 7 interpreting the resources of the Corridor;

8 “(ii) the partnerships that sustain those
 9 resources; and

10 “(iii) the funding program for the Cor-
 11 ridor.

12 “(4)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the
 13 Secretary shall approve or disapprove any changes to the
 14 plan proposed in the update in accordance with subsection
 15 (b).

16 “(B) Minor revisions to the plan shall not be subject
 17 to the approval of the Secretary.”.

18 (d) EXTENSION OF COMMISSION.—Public Law 99–
 19 647 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended by striking section
 20 7 and inserting the following:

21 **“SEC. 7. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.**

22 “The Commission shall terminate on the date that
 23 is 10 years after the date of enactment of the John H.
 24 Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Cor-
 25 ridor Reauthorization Act of 2005.”.

1 (e) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—Section 8 of Public
2 Law 99–647 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amended by adding
3 at the end the following:

4 “(d) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall con-
6 duct a special resource study of sites and associated
7 landscape features within the boundaries of the Cor-
8 ridor that contribute to the understanding of the
9 Corridor as the birthplace of the industrial revolu-
10 tion in the United States.

11 “(2) EVALUATION.—Not later than 3 years
12 after the date on which funds are made available to
13 carry out this subsection, the Secretary shall com-
14 plete the study under paragraph (1) to evaluate the
15 possibility of—

16 “(A) designating 1 or more site or land-
17 scape feature as a unit of the National Park
18 System; and

19 “(B) coordinating and complementing ac-
20 tions by the Commission, local governments,
21 and State and Federal agencies, in the preser-
22 vation and interpretation of significant re-
23 sources within the Corridor.

24 “(3) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall co-
25 ordinate the Study with the Commission.

1 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after
 2 the date on which the study under paragraph (1) is
 3 completed, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
 4 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives
 5 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
 6 sources of the Senate a report that describes—

7 “(A) the findings of the study; and

8 “(B) the conclusions and recommendations
 9 of the Secretary.”.

10 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 11 10 of Public Law 99–647 (16 U.S.C. 461 note) is amend-
 12 ed—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$650,000”
 14 and inserting “\$1,000,000”; and

15 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
 16 following:

17 “(b) DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.—There is authorized to
 18 be appropriated to carry out section 8(c) not more than
 19 \$10,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2006 through
 20 2016, to remain available until expended.

21 “(c) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—There are author-
 22 ized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to
 23 carry out section 8(d).”.

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