

**Calendar No. 241**

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 955**

**[Report No. 109–149]**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

OCTOBER 19, 2005

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with an amendment

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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 “Franklin National Bat-  
3 tlefield Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5       In this Act:

6           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8           (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
9 means the cities of Brentwood, Franklin, Triune,  
10 Thompson’s Station, and Spring Hill, Tennessee.

11 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

12       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a  
13 special resource study of sites in the study area relating  
14 to the Battle of Franklin to determine—

15           (1) the national significance of the sites; and

16           (2) the suitability and feasibility of including  
17 the sites in the National Park System.

18       (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study conducted under  
19 subsection (a) shall include the analysis and recommenda-  
20 tions of the Secretary on—

21           (1) the effect on the study area of including the  
22 sites in the National Park System; and

23           (2) whether the sites could be included in an  
24 existing unit of the National Park System or other  
25 federally designated unit in the State of Tennessee.

1 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under  
 2 subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

- 3 (1) appropriate Federal agencies and State and  
 4 local government entities; and  
 5 (2) interested groups and organizations.

6 (d) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under  
 7 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with Pub-  
 8 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et seq.).

9 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

10 Not later than 3 years after the date ~~of enactment~~  
 11 ~~of this Act on which funds are made available to carry~~  
 12 *out the study under section 3(a)*, the Secretary shall submit  
 13 to the Committee on Resources of the House of Represent-  
 14 atives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
 15 sources of the Senate a report that describes—

- 16 (1) the findings of the study; and  
 17 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the  
 18 Secretary.

19 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
 21 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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