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To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2008

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, without 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

4 (1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The term “Advi-
5 sory Committee” means the Cold War Advisory
6 Committee established under section 3.

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

3 (3) THEME STUDY.—The term “theme study”
4 means the national historic landmark theme study
5 conducted under section 2(a).

6 **SEC. 2. COLD WAR THEME STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a na-
8 tional historic landmark theme study to identify sites and
9 resources in the United States that are significant to the
10 Cold War.

11 (b) RESOURCES.—In conducting the theme study, the
12 Secretary shall consider—

13 (1) the inventory of sites and resources associ-
14 ated with the Cold War completed by the Secretary
15 of Defense under section 8120(b)(9) of the Depart-
16 ment of Defense Appropriations Act, 1991 (Public
17 Law 101–511; 104 Stat. 1906); and

18 (2) historical studies and research of Cold War
19 sites and resources, including—

20 (A) intercontinental ballistic missiles;

21 (B) flight training centers;

22 (C) manufacturing facilities;

23 (D) communications and command centers

24 (such as Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado);

1 (E) defensive radar networks (such as the
2 Distant Early Warning Line);

3 (F) nuclear weapons test sites (such as the
4 Nevada test site); and

5 (G) strategic and tactical aircraft.

6 (c) CONTENTS.—The theme study shall include—

7 (1) recommendations for commemorating and
8 interpreting sites and resources identified by the
9 theme study, including—

10 (A) sites for which studies for potential in-
11 clusion in the National Park System should be
12 authorized;

13 (B) sites for which new national historic
14 landmarks should be nominated; and

15 (C) other appropriate designations;

16 (2) recommendations for cooperative agree-
17 ments with—

18 (A) State and local governments;

19 (B) local historical organizations; and

20 (C) other appropriate entities; and

21 (3) an estimate of the amount required to carry
22 out the recommendations under paragraphs (1) and
23 (2).

24 (d) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the theme study,
25 the Secretary shall consult with—

- 1 (1) the Secretary of the Air Force;
- 2 (2) State and local officials;
- 3 (3) State historic preservation offices; and
- 4 (4) other interested organizations and individ-
- 5 uals.

6 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
7 on which funds are made available to carry out this Act,
8 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural
9 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
10 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
11 a report that describes the findings, conclusions, and rec-
12 ommendations of the theme study.

13 **SEC. 3. COLD WAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—As soon as practicable after
15 funds are made available to carry out this Act, the Sec-
16 retary shall establish an advisory committee, to be known
17 as the “Cold War Advisory Committee”, to assist the Sec-
18 retary in carrying out this Act.

19 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Advisory Committee shall be
20 composed of 9 members, to be appointed by the Secretary,
21 of whom—

- 22 (1) 3 shall have expertise in Cold War history;
- 23 (2) 2 shall have expertise in historic preserva-
- 24 tion;

1 (3) 1 shall have expertise in the history of the
2 United States; and

3 (4) 3 shall represent the general public.

4 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The Advisory Committee shall
5 select a chairperson from among the members of the Advi-
6 sory Committee.

7 (d) COMPENSATION.—A member of the Advisory
8 Committee shall serve without compensation but may be
9 reimbursed by the Secretary for expenses reasonably in-
10 curred in the performance of the duties of the Advisory
11 Committee.

12 (e) MEETINGS.—On at least 3 occasions, the Sec-
13 retary (or a designee) shall meet and consult with the Ad-
14 visory Committee on matters relating to the theme study.

15 **SEC. 4. INTERPRETIVE HANDBOOK ON THE COLD WAR.**

16 Not later than 4 years after the date on which funds
17 are made available to carry out this Act, the Secretary
18 shall—

19 (1) prepare and publish an interpretive hand-
20 book on the Cold War; and

21 (2) disseminate information in the theme study
22 by other appropriate means.

23 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
25 this Act \$500,000.

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