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To establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

To establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the State of Pennsylvania.

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 “Steel Industry Na-
5 tional Historic Site Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Certain sites and structures in the Com-
9 monwealth of Pennsylvania symbolize in physical

1 form the heritage of the steel industry of the United
2 States.

3 (2) Certain buildings and other structures in
4 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are nationally
5 significant historical resources, including the United
6 States Steel Homestead Works, the Carrie Furnace
7 complex, and the Hot Metal Bridge.

8 (3) Despite substantial efforts for cultural pres-
9 ervation and historical interpretation by the Com-
10 monwealth of Pennsylvania and by individuals and
11 public and private entities in the Commonwealth,
12 these buildings and other structures may be lost
13 without the assistance of the Federal Government.

14 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to en-
15 sure the preservation, interpretation, visitor enjoyment,
16 and maintenance of the nationally significant historical
17 and cultural sites and structures described in subsection
18 (a) for the benefit and inspiration of present and future
19 generations.

20 **SEC. 3. STEEL INDUSTRY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, PENN-**
21 **SYLVANIA.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Steel Industry National
23 Historic Site is hereby established as a unit of the Na-
24 tional Park System in the Commonwealth of Pennsyl-
25 vania.

1 (b) DESCRIPTION.—

2 (1) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY.—Sub-
3 ject to paragraph (2), the historic site shall consist
4 of the following properties, each of which relate to
5 the former United States Steel Homestead Works,
6 as depicted on the map entitled “Steel Industry Na-
7 tional Historic Site”, dated November 2003, and
8 numbered 80,000:

9 (A) The historic location of the Battle of
10 Homestead site in the borough of Munhall,
11 Pennsylvania, consisting of approximately 3
12 acres of land, including the pumphouse and
13 water tower and related structures, within the
14 property bounded by the Monongahela River,
15 the CSX railroad, Waterfront Drive, and the
16 Damascus-Marcegaglia Steel Mill.

17 (B) The historic location of the Carrie
18 Furnace complex in the boroughs of Swissvale
19 and Rankin, Pennsylvania, consisting of ap-
20 proximately 35 acres of land, including blast
21 furnaces 6 and 7, the ore yard, the cast house,
22 the blowing engine house, the AC power house,
23 and related structures, within the property
24 bounded by the proposed southwesterly right-of-
25 way line needed to accommodate the Mon/Fay-

1 ette Expressway and the relocated CSX railroad
2 right-of-way, the Monongahela River, and a
3 property line drawn northeast to southwest ap-
4 proximately 100 yards east of the AC power
5 house.

6 (C) The historic location of the Hot Metal
7 Bridge, consisting of the Union railroad bridge
8 and its approaches, spanning the Monongahela
9 River and connecting the mill sites in the bor-
10 oughs of Rankin and Munhall, Pennsylvania.

11 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred
12 to in paragraph (1) shall be available for public in-
13 spection in an appropriate office of the National
14 Park Service.

15 (c) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.—To further the pur-
16 poses of this section, the Secretary of the Interior may
17 acquire, only by donation, property for inclusion in the his-
18 toric site as follows:

19 (1) Any land or interest in land with respect to
20 the property identified in subsection (b)(1).

21 (2) Up to 10 acres of land adjacent to or in the
22 general proximity of the property identified in such
23 subsection, for the development of visitor, adminis-
24 trative, museum, curatorial, and maintenance facili-
25 ties.

1 (3) Personal property associated with, and ap-
2 propriate for, the interpretation of the historic site.

3 (d) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTIONS.—Nothing in
4 this Act shall be construed—

5 (1) to require any private property owner to
6 permit public access (including Federal, State, or
7 local government access) to the private property; or

8 (2) to modify any provision of Federal, State,
9 or local law with regard to public access to or use
10 of private property.

11 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
12 shall administer the historic site in accordance with this
13 Act and the provisions of law generally applicable to units
14 of the National Park System, including the Act of August
15 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the Act of August
16 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

17 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Until such time as the Sec-
19 retary of the Interior has acquired the property
20 identified in subsection (b)(1), as depicted on the
21 map referred to in such subsection, the Secretary
22 may enter into a cooperative agreement with any in-
23 terested individual, public or private agency, organi-
24 zation, or institution to further the purposes of the
25 historic site.

1 (2) CONTRARY PURPOSES.—Any payment made
2 by the Secretary pursuant to a cooperative agree-
3 ment under this subsection shall be subject to an
4 agreement that conversion, use, or disposal of the
5 project so assisted for purposes contrary to the pur-
6 pose of the historic site, as determined by the Sec-
7 retary, shall result in a right of the United States
8 to reimbursement of all funds made available to such
9 a project or the proportion of the increased value of
10 the project attributable to such funds as determined
11 at the time of such conversion, use, or disposal,
12 whichever is greater.

13 (g) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of the
14 Interior may provide technical assistance to any person
15 for—

16 (1) the preservation of historic structures with-
17 in the historic site; and

18 (2) the maintenance of the natural and cultural
19 landscape of the historic site.

20 (h) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

21 (1) PREPARATION.—Not later than three years
22 after the date on which funds are first made avail-
23 able to carry out this Act, the Secretary of the Inte-
24 rior shall prepare a general management plan for
25 the historic site that will incorporate or otherwise

1 address substantive comments made during the con-
2 sultation required by paragraph (2).

3 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall pre-
4 pare the general management plan in consultation
5 with—

6 (A) an appropriate official of each appro-
7 priate political subdivision of the Common-
8 wealth of Pennsylvania that has jurisdiction
9 over all or a portion of the lands included in the
10 historic site;

11 (B) an appropriate official of the Steel In-
12 dustry Heritage Corporation; and

13 (C) private property owners in the vicinity
14 of the historic site.

15 (3) SUBMISSION OF PLAN TO CONGRESS.—
16 Upon the completion of the general management
17 plan, the Secretary shall submit a copy of the plan
18 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
19 of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of
20 the House of Representatives.

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