

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 196

To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 9, 2009

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Quinebaug and
5 Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor
6 Amendments Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NA-**
 2 **TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.**

3 (a) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 106(b)
 4 of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National
 5 Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Pub-
 6 lic Law 103–449) is amended by striking “September 30,
 7 2009” and inserting “September 30, 2015”.

8 (b) EVALUATION; REPORT.—Section 106 of the
 9 Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage
 10 Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law
 11 103–449) is amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(c) EVALUATION; REPORT.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years be-
 14 fore the date on which authority for Federal funding
 15 terminates for the Corridor, the Secretary shall—

16 “(A) conduct an evaluation of the accom-
 17 plishments of the Corridor; and

18 “(B) prepare a report in accordance with
 19 paragraph (3).

20 “(2) EVALUATION.—An evaluation conducted
 21 under paragraph (1)(A) shall—

22 “(A) assess the progress of the manage-
 23 ment entity with respect to—

24 “(i) accomplishing the purposes of
 25 this title for the Corridor; and

1 “(ii) achieving the goals and objectives
2 of the management plan for the Corridor;

3 “(B) analyze the Federal, State, local, and
4 private investments in the Corridor to deter-
5 mine the leverage and impact of the invest-
6 ments; and

7 “(C) review the management structure,
8 partnership relationships, and funding of the
9 Corridor for purposes of identifying the critical
10 components for sustainability of the Corridor.

11 “(3) REPORT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Based on the evalua-
13 tion conducted under paragraph (1)(A), the
14 Secretary shall prepare a report that includes
15 recommendations for the future role of the Na-
16 tional Park Service, if any, with respect to the
17 Corridor.

18 “(B) REQUIRED ANALYSIS.—If the report
19 prepared under subparagraph (A) recommends
20 that Federal funding for the Corridor be reau-
21 thorized, the report shall include an analysis
22 of—

23 “(i) ways in which Federal funding
24 for the Corridor may be reduced or elimi-
25 nated; and

1 “(ii) the appropriate time period nec-
 2 essary to achieve the recommended reduc-
 3 tion or elimination.

4 “(C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On
 5 completion of the report, the Secretary shall
 6 submit the report to—

7 “(i) the Committee on Energy and
 8 Natural Resources of the Senate; and

9 “(ii) the Committee on Natural Re-
 10 sources of the House of Representatives.”.

11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 12 109(a) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Na-
 13 tional Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;
 14 Public Law 103–449) is amended by striking
 15 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$15,000,000”.

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