

Union Calendar No. 476

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5319

[Report No. 112-658]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Ms. TSONGAS (for herself and Mr. OLVER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 27, 2012]

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 “Nashua River Wild and*
 5 *Scenic River Study Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

7 *Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*
 8 *U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
 9 *lowing:*

10 “(_____) NASHUA RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—

11 (A) *The approximately 19-mile segment of the*
 12 *mainstem of the Nashua River from the confluence of*
 13 *the North and South Nashua Rivers in Lancaster,*
 14 *Massachusetts, north to the Massachusetts/New Hamp-*
 15 *shire State line, and its tributaries, except the ap-*
 16 *proximately 4.8-mile segment of the mainstem of the*
 17 *Nashua River from the Route 119 bridge in Groton,*
 18 *Massachusetts downstream to its confluence with the*
 19 *Nissitissit River in Pepperell, Massachusetts.*

20 “(B) *The 10-mile segment of the Squannacook*
 21 *River from its headwaters at Ash Swamp downstream*
 22 *to its confluence with the Nashua River in Shirley/*
 23 *Ayer, Massachusetts.*

24 “(C) *The 3.5-mile segment of the Nissitissit*
 25 *River from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire State*

1 *line downstream to its confluence with the Nashua*
 2 *River in Pepperell, Massachusetts.”.*

3 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

4 *Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*
 5 *U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
 6 *lowing:*

7 “(____) *STUDY AND REPORT.*—*Not later than 3*
 8 *years after the date on which funds are made avail-*
 9 *able to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary of the*
 10 *Interior shall complete the study of the Nashua River*
 11 *in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as described*
 12 *in subsection (a)(____), and submit a report de-*
 13 *scribing the results of that study to the Committee on*
 14 *Natural Resources of the House of Representatives*
 15 *and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*
 16 *of the Senate.”.*

17 **SEC. 4. REPORT REQUIREMENTS.**

18 *The report required under section 3 of this Act shall—*

19 *(1) include a discussion of the effect of the des-*
 20 *ignation of the area to be studied under this Act*
 21 *under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on—*

22 *(A) existing commercial and recreational*
 23 *activities, such as hunting, fishing, trapping,*
 24 *recreational shooting, motor boat use, or bridge*
 25 *construction;*

1 (B) the authorization, construction, oper-
2 ation, maintenance, or improvement of energy
3 production and transmission infrastructure; and

4 (C) the authority of State and local govern-
5 ments to manage those activities encompassed in
6 subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

7 (2) identify—

8 (A) all authorities that will authorize or re-
9 quire the Secretary of the Interior to influence
10 local land use decisions (such as zoning) or place
11 restrictions on non-Federal land if the area stud-
12 ied under this Act is designated under the Wild
13 and Scenic Rivers Act;

14 (B) all authorities that the Secretary of the
15 Interior may use to condemn property if the
16 area studied under this Act is designated under
17 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

18 (C) all private property located in the area
19 to be studied under this Act.

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