

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3423

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2012

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

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 “Wood-Pawcatuck Wa-
5 tershed Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND**
 2 **PAWCATUCK RIVERS STUDY.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the
 4 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amend-
 5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(141) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD,
 7 AND PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CON-
 8 NECTICUT.—The following segments:

9 “(A) The approximately 10-mile segment
 10 of the Beaver River from the headwaters in Ex-
 11 eter, Rhode Island, to the confluence with the
 12 Pawcatuck River.

13 “(B) The approximately 5-mile segment of
 14 the Chipuxet River from Hundred Acre Pond to
 15 the outlet into Worden Pond.

16 “(C) The approximately 10-mile segment
 17 of the upper Queen River from the headwaters
 18 to the Usquepaugh Dam in South Kingstown,
 19 Rhode Island, including all tributaries of the
 20 upper Queen River.

21 “(D) The approximately 5-mile segment of
 22 the lower Queen (Usquepaugh) River from the
 23 Usquepaugh Dam to the confluence with the
 24 Pawcatuck River.

25 “(E) The approximately 11-mile segment
 26 of the upper Wood River from the headwaters

1 to Skunk Hill Road in Richmond and
 2 Hopkinton, Rhode Island, including all tribu-
 3 taries of the upper Wood River.

4 “(F) The approximately 10-mile segment
 5 of the lower Wood River from Skunk Hill Road
 6 to the confluence with the Pawcatuck River.

7 “(G) The approximately 28-mile segment
 8 of the Pawcatuck River from Worden Pond to
 9 Nooseneck Hill Road (Rhode Island Rte 3) in
 10 Hopkinton and Westerly, Rhode Island.

11 “(H) The approximately 7-mile segment of
 12 the lower Pawcatuck River from Nooseneck Hill
 13 Road to Pawcatuck Rock, Stonington, Con-
 14 necticut, and Westerly, Rhode Island.”.

15 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild
 16 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended
 17 by adding at the end the following:

18 “(20) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND
 19 PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CON-
 20 NECTICUT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on
 21 which funds are made available to carry out this
 22 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

23 “(A) complete the study of the Beaver,
 24 Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers,

1 Rhode Island and Connecticut, described in
2 subsection (a)(141); and

3 “(B) submit to the appropriate committees
4 of Congress a report that describes the results
5 of the study.”.

○