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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2014

Mr. BEGICH 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 “Aleut Confinement and
5 Relocation Sites Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALEUT CONFINEMENT AND RELOCATION SITES**

2 **STUDY.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

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

6 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
7 of Alaska.

8 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a special
9 resource study of the following sites to determine whether
10 any of the sites may be suitable for inclusion in the Na-
11 tional Park System:

12 (1) The 5 World War II Aleut relocation sites
13 at Funter Bay, Burnett Inlet, Killisnoo, Ward Lake,
14 and the Wrangell Institute in the State.

15 (2) The following villages in the State from
16 which the Aleut people were forcibly removed and
17 which were so depopulated and so significantly dam-
18 aged by miliary activity and weather that the vil-
19 lages effectively could not be resettled after World
20 War II:

21 (A) Makushin, Kashega, and Biorka
22 around Unalaska Island.

23 (B) Attu on Attu Island.

24 (c) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
25 section (b), the Secretary shall—

1 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
2 sites described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
3 section (b);

4 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
5 designating those sites as one or more units of the
6 National Park System;

7 (3) consider alternatives for preservation, pro-
8 tection, and interpretation of the land comprising
9 those sites by Federal, State, or local governments
10 or private or nonprofit organizations;

11 (4) consult with any interested governments or
12 organizations described in paragraph (3) or any
13 other interested individual; and

14 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
15 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
16 maintenance associated with carrying out the alter-
17 natives described in paragraph (3).

18 (d) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study under subsection
19 (b) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8 of the
20 National Park System General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C.
21 1a–5).

22 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
23 on which funds are first made available for the study
24 under subsection (b), the Secretary shall submit to the
25 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
2 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

3 (1) the findings of the study; and

4 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
5 Secretary.

6 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
8 such sums as are necessary.

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