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S. 2622

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Fort Ontario in the State of New York.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2016

Mrs. GILLIBRAND 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 “Fort Ontario Study
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) SITE.—The term “site” means Fort On-
2 tario in Oswego, New York.

3 **SEC. 3. FORT ONTARIO SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a special
5 resource study of the site.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
7 section (a), the Secretary shall—

8 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
9 site;

10 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
11 designating the site as a unit of the National Park
12 System;

13 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
14 protection, and interpretation of the site by Federal,
15 State, or local governmental entities or private and
16 nonprofit organizations;

17 (4) consult with interested Federal, State, or
18 local governmental entities, private and nonprofit or-
19 ganizations, or any other interested individuals;

20 (5) determine the effect of the designation of
21 the site as a unit of the National Park System on—

22 (A) existing commercial and recreational
23 uses; and

1 (B) the ability of State and local govern-
 2 ments to manage the uses described in subpara-
 3 graph (A);

4 (6) identify any authorities, including con-
 5 demnation, that may compel or allow the Secretary
 6 to influence or participate in local land use decisions
 7 (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-Federal
 8 land if the site is designated as a unit of the Na-
 9 tional Park System; and

10 (7) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
 11 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
 12 maintenance associated with the alternatives studied.

13 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study authorized under
 14 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
 15 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

16 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
 17 on which funds are first made available for the study
 18 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
 19 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
 20 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
 21 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

22 (1) the findings of the study; and

23 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
 24 Secretary.

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