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# S. 2820

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Congressional Over-  
5 sight of the Antiquities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO ANTIQUITIES ACT.**

7 Section 320301 of title 54, United States Code (com-  
8 monly referred to as the “Antiquities Act”), is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
2 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless extended or modi-  
7 fied by statute, the establishment of a national  
8 monument under subsection (a) or reservation of a  
9 parcel of land under subsection (b) shall be effective  
10 only until the earlier of the following:

11 “(A) The date that is 6 months after the  
12 date of the establishment or reservation.

13 “(B) The last day of the Congress sitting  
14 at the time of the establishment or reservation.

15 “(2) LIMITATION ON FUTURE MONUMENTS.—If  
16 a national monument established under subsection  
17 (a) or reservation of a parcel of land made under  
18 subsection (b) is not extended or modified during the  
19 effective period described in paragraph (1), or is oth-  
20 erwise rejected by statute, the land or property in-  
21 cluded within the boundaries of such national monu-  
22 ment or parcel of land may not be included in the  
23 extension or establishment of a national monument  
24 under this section for a period of 25 years.”.

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