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# S. 2972

To require the Secretary of the Interior to repay States for amounts expended by States to operate units of the National Park System during a Government shutdown.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. LEE 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. REPAYMENT OF STATE FUNDS USED TO OPER-**  
4 **ATE UNITS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM**  
5 **DURING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

6 (a) DEFINITION OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.—In  
7 this section, the term “Government shutdown” means a  
8 lapse in appropriations for 1 or more agencies of the Fed-  
9 eral Government.

1           (b) REPAYMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days  
2 after the date on which a Government shutdown ends, on  
3 the request of a State that expended State funds to oper-  
4 ate 1 or more units of the National Park System in the  
5 State during the Government shutdown, the Secretary of  
6 the Interior shall pay to that State an amount equal to  
7 the amount expended by the State to operate the 1 or  
8 more units of the National Park System in that State dur-  
9 ing the Government shutdown.

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