

# Union Calendar No. 539

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# S. 311

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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 22, 2014

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park 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 “Lower Mississippi  
5 River Area Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

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

10          (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area” in-  
11       cludes Fort St. Philip, Fort Jackson, the Head of  
12       Passes, and any related and supporting historical,  
13       cultural, and recreational resources located in  
14       Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

16       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the  
17       date on which funds are made available to carry out this  
18       Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the State of Lou-  
19       isiana and other interested organizations, shall complete  
20       a special resource study that evaluates—

21           (1) the national significance of the study area;

22       and

23           (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating  
24       the study area as a unit of the National Park Sys-  
25       tem.

1 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study under sub-  
2 section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the  
3 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park  
4 System in section 8(c) of National Park System General  
5 Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

6 (c) CONTENT.—The study described in subsection (a)  
7 shall—

8 (1) include cost estimates for the potential ac-  
9 quisition, development, operation, and maintenance  
10 of the study area; and

11 (2) identify alternatives for the management,  
12 administration, and protection of the study area.

13 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENT; DONATIONS.**

14 The study described in section 3 shall not be con-  
15 ducted until the date on which—

16 (1) the Secretary enters into an agreement with  
17 a State, unit of local government, or other entity to  
18 conduct the study using non-Federal funds; or

19 (2) the Secretary receives a donation of an  
20 amount of non-Federal funds sufficient to pay the  
21 cost of conducting the study.



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