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To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8, 2011

Mr. SCHUMER 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 “American Battlefield
5 Protection Program Amendments Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 AMERICAN**
2 **BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION.**

3 Section 7301(c) of the Omnibus Public Land Man-
4 agement Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 469k–1(c)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
7 serting the following:

8 “(A) **BATTLEFIELD REPORT.**—The term
9 ‘battlefield report’ means, collectively—

10 “(i) the report entitled ‘Report on the
11 Nation’s Civil War Battlefields’, prepared
12 by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commis-
13 sion, and dated July 1993; and

14 “(ii) the report entitled ‘Report to
15 Congress on the Historic Preservation of
16 Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites
17 in the United States’, prepared by the Na-
18 tional Park Service, and dated September
19 2007.”; and

20 (B) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
21 “Battlefield Report” and inserting “battlefield
22 report”;

23 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “eligible sites
24 or” after “acquiring”;

25 (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting “an eligible
26 site or” after “acquire”;

1 (4) in paragraph (4), by inserting “an eligible
2 site or” after “acquiring”;

3 (5) in paragraph (5), by striking “An” and in-
4 serting “An eligible site or an”;

5 (6) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
6 graph (8);

7 (7) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(6) WILLING SELLERS.—Acquisition of land
10 or interests in land under this subsection shall be
11 from willing sellers only.

12 “(7) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the
13 date of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary
14 shall submit to Congress a report describing the ac-
15 tivities carried out under this subsection, including
16 a description of—

17 “(A) preservation activities carried out at
18 the battlefields and associated sites identified in
19 the battlefield report during the period between
20 publication of the battlefield report and the re-
21 port required under this paragraph;

22 “(B) changes in the condition of the bat-
23 tlefields and associated sites during the period
24 described in subparagraph (A); and

1 “(C) any other relevant developments re-
2 relating to the battlefields and associated sites
3 during the period described in subparagraph
4 (A).”; and

5 (8) by striking paragraph (8) (as redesignated
6 by paragraph (6)) and inserting the following:

7 “(8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
8 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
9 retary to provide grants under this subsection for
10 each of fiscal years 2012 through 2022—

11 “(A) \$10,000,000 for the protection of
12 Civil War battlefields; and

13 “(B) \$10,000,000 for the protection of
14 Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battle-
15 fields.”.

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