

**Calendar No. 57**113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 311****[Report No. 113–26]**

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.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

Ms. LANDRIEU introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 22, 2013

Reported by Mr. WYDEN, with an amendment

[Omit the part struck through]

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lower Mississippi  
3 River Area Study Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

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

13 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

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

19 (1) the national significance of the study area;  
20 and

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

24 (b) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study under sub-  
25 section (a), the Secretary shall use the criteria for the  
26 study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park

1 System in section 8(c) of National Park System General  
2 Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(c)).

3 (c) CONTENT.—The study described in subsection (a)  
4 shall—

5 (1) include cost estimates for the potential ac-  
6 quisition, development, operation, and maintenance  
7 of the study area; and

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

10 **SEC. 4. DONATIONS.**

11 The Secretary may accept the donation of funds to  
12 carry out this Act.

13 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
15 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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