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S. 1327

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of historic sites, buildings, and artifacts in the Champlain Valley and the Upper Hudson River Valley, including the Lake George area in the United States and Canada, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30 (legislative day, JUNE 30), 1993

Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MOYNIHAM) 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 “Champlain Valley Her-
5 itage Study Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

2 Congress finds that sites in the Upper Hudson River
3 Valley, in the Champlain Valley, and in the area around
4 Lake George there remain nationally and internationally
5 significant heritage sites that illustrate over 400 years of
6 a shared history of conflict and cooperation between the
7 United States and Canada; that these sites illustrate the
8 contest of cultures beginning in aboriginal times and ex-
9 tending through the era of imperial rivalry when the Brit-
10 ish and French vied for control of North America; that
11 these sites also reflect the territorial ambitions of the
12 American and Canadian peoples; and that the collective
13 natural, historic, and cultural resources of the region are
14 appropriate for consideration as a possible national or
15 international heritage corridor.

16 **SEC. 3. HERITAGE CORRIDOR DEFINED.**

17 As used in this Act, the term “heritage corridor”
18 means a coherent and identifiable region comprised of nat-
19 ural and cultural resources whose integrity is integral to
20 local, regional, and national interests and worthy of na-
21 tional recognition.

22 **SEC. 4. CHAMPLAIN VALLEY HERITAGE CORRIDOR STUDY.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
24 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a
25 study of natural, historic, and cultural resources associ-
26 ated with sites described in subsection (c).

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The study shall include—

2 (1) an inventory of specific historic and cultural
3 resources within the region;

4 (2) an inventory of existing local programs that
5 link historic, cultural, and natural resources;

6 (3) descriptions of events, in geographical con-
7 text, related to the historic properties;

8 (4) an assessment of the suitability and feasibil-
9 ity of designating the sites as part of a national or
10 international heritage corridor to be administered in-
11 dividually, as a unit, or by public-private partner-
12 ships;

13 (5) an analysis of any effects that the designa-
14 tion of the sites would have on the economy of the
15 region in which the sites are located; and

16 (6) an analysis of any effects that the designa-
17 tion of the sites would have on public and private
18 ownership, use, and development.

19 (c) SITES.—The study shall be conducted with re-
20 spect to the battlefields, forts, historic sites, and other as-
21 sociated historic landscapes, structures, and properties
22 that—

23 (1) are located in the area around the upper
24 Hudson River, Lake Champlain, and Lake George;
25 and

1 (2) are thematically linked to the important
2 shared history of conflict and cooperation that oc-
3 curred between the time of aboriginal settlement
4 through significant eras of North American history
5 from earliest European settlement through the end
6 of the American Civil War and Canadian Confed-
7 eration (1867).

8 (d) CONSULTATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the study, the
10 Secretary shall consult with—

11 (A) officials of State and local govern-
12 ments;

13 (B) local historians and archaeologists;

14 (C) owners of historic sites;

15 (D) Native Americans;

16 (E) local and regional planning commis-
17 sions;

18 (F) local and regional chambers of com-
19 merce;

20 (G) interstate citizens groups; and

21 (H) other interested parties.

22 (2) CONSULTATION WITH CANADIAN GOVERN-
23 MENTS.—The Secretary, acting through the Sec-
24 retary of State, shall request the appropriate offi-
25 cials of the governments of Canada and the province

1 of Quebec to enter into discussions to determine
2 means of linking historic sites along the Richelieu
3 River with related historic sites of related interest in
4 the United States in an international heritage cor-
5 ridor.

6 (e) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—The Secretary shall pub-
7 licize and hold at least 2 public meetings, of which—

8 (1) 1 meeting shall be held in the State of Ver-
9 mont; and

10 (2) 1 meeting shall be held in the State of New
11 York.

12 (f) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2
13 years after the date on which funds are made available
14 for the study required under this Act, the Secretary shall
15 submit a report describing the results of the study to the
16 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
17 ate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
18 of Representatives.

19 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 There are authorized to be appropriated \$250,000 to
21 carry out this Act.

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