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# S. 1225

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 5), 1995

Mr. JEFFORDS 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Champlain Valley Her-  
5        itage Corridor Inventory Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7        Congress finds that certain sites located in the Cham-  
8        plain Valley and the upper Hudson River Valley, including

1 the Lake George area, are key elements in the history of  
2 250 years of conflict in the region and are appropriate  
3 for consideration as elements of a potential national herit-  
4 age corridor.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—The term “heritage  
8 corridor” means a coherent and identifiable region  
9 comprising natural and cultural resources the integ-  
10 rity of which is integral to local interests and worthy  
11 of national recognition.

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 **SEC. 4. CHAMPLAIN VALLEY HERITAGE CORRIDOR INVEN-**  
15 **TORY.**

16 (a) INVENTORY.—

17 (1) SCOPE.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
19 conduct an inventory of historic and cultural re-  
20 sources associated with sites described in sub-  
21 paragraph (B), including a detailed description  
22 of specific historic events, in specific geographic  
23 contexts, related to the sites.

24 (B) SITES.—The sites referred to in sub-  
25 paragraphs (A) and (C) are the battlefields,

1           forts, historic sites, and associated structures  
2           and properties (including artifacts), that—

3                   (i) are located in the area around the  
4                   upper Hudson River, Lake Champlain, and  
5                   Lake George; and

6                   (ii) are thematically linked to the im-  
7                   portant conflicts that occurred between the  
8                   European discovery of Lake Champlain in  
9                   1609 and the end of the Civil War.

10           (C) MANAGEMENT OPTIONS.—As part of  
11           the inventory, the Secretary shall assess the  
12           suitability and feasibility of designating sites  
13           described in subparagraph (B) as part of a na-  
14           tional heritage corridor, which sites shall be ad-  
15           ministered individually, as a unit, or through a  
16           combination of administration individually and  
17           as a unit, by public and private entities acting  
18           jointly.

19           (D) ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.—The  
20           inventory shall include an analysis of any ef-  
21           fects that the designation of the sites as de-  
22           scribed in subparagraph (C) would have on the  
23           economy of the region in which the sites are lo-  
24           cated.

25           (2) CONSULTATION.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the in-  
2           ventory, the Secretary shall consult with offi-  
3           cials of State and local governments, local histo-  
4           rians and archaeologists, owners of historic  
5           sites, Native Americans, local and regional  
6           planning commissions, local and regional cham-  
7           bers of commerce, interstate organizations, and  
8           other interested parties.

9           (B) CONSULTATION WITH CANADIAN GOV-  
10          ERNMENTS.—The Secretary shall consult with  
11          officials of the governments of Canada and the  
12          Province of Quebec to determine means of link-  
13          ing historic sites along the Richelieu River with  
14          related historic sites in the United States in a  
15          heritage corridor.

16          (3) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—As part of the inven-  
17          tory, the Secretary shall hold, at a minimum, 1 pub-  
18          lic hearing in the State of Vermont and 1 public  
19          hearing in the State of New York. With respect to  
20          each public hearing, the Secretary shall—

21                 (A) notify any person known to the Sec-  
22                 retary that has previously expressed interest in  
23                 the inventory; and

24                 (B) publish notice in local newspapers.

1 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2  
2 years after the date on which funds are made available  
3 for the inventory required under this section, the Sec-  
4 retary shall submit a report describing the results of the  
5 inventory to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
6 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources  
7 of the House of Representatives.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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