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1ST SESSION**S. 610****[Report No. 104-43]**

To provide for an interpretive center at the Civil War Battlefield of Corinth, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 1995

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

APRIL 7 (legislative day, APRIL 5), 1995

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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 “Corinth, Mississippi,
5 Battlefield Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the sites located in the vicinity of Corinth,
4 Mississippi, that were designated as a National His-
5 toric Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in
6 1991 represent nationally significant events in the
7 Siege and Battle of Corinth during the Civil War;
8 and

9 (2) the Landmark sites should be preserved and
10 interpreted for the benefit, inspiration, and edu-
11 cation of the people of the United States.

12 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide
13 for a center for the interpretation of the Siege and Battle
14 of Corinth and other Civil War actions in the region and
15 to enhance public understanding of the significance of the
16 Corinth Campaign in the Civil War relative to the Western
17 theater of operations, in cooperation with State or local
18 governmental entities and private organizations and
19 individuals.

20 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT CORINTH,**
21 **MISSISSIPPI.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
23 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall acquire by
24 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,
25 or exchange, such land and interests in land in the vicinity
26 of the Corinth Battlefield, in the State of Mississippi, as

1 the Secretary determines to be necessary for the construc-
2 tion of an interpretive center to commemorate and inter-
3 pret the 1862 Civil War Siege and Battle of Corinth.

4 (b) PUBLICLY OWNED LAND.—Land and interests in
5 land owned by the State of Mississippi or a political sub-
6 division of the State of Mississippi may be acquired only
7 by donation.

8 **SEC. 4. INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND MARKING.**

9 (a) INTERPRETIVE CENTER.—

10 (1) CONSTRUCTION OF CENTER.—The Sec-
11 retary shall construct, operate, and maintain on the
12 property acquired under section 3 a center for the
13 interpretation of the Siege and Battle of Corinth
14 and associated historical events for the benefit of the
15 public.

16 (2) DESCRIPTION.—The center shall contain
17 approximately 5,300 square feet, and include inter-
18 pretive exhibits, an auditorium, a parking area, and
19 other features appropriate to public appreciation and
20 understanding of the site.

21 (b) MARKING.—The Secretary may mark sites associ-
22 ated with the Siege and Battle of Corinth National His-
23 toric Landmark, as designated on May 6, 1991, if the sites
24 are determined by the Secretary to be protected by State
25 or local governmental agencies.

1 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The land and interests in
2 land acquired, and the facilities constructed and main-
3 tained pursuant to this Act, shall be administered by the
4 Secretary as a part of Shiloh National Military Park, sub-
5 ject to the appropriate laws (including regulations) appli-
6 cable to the park, the Act entitled “An Act to establish
7 a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-
8 proved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the
9 Act entitled “An Act to provide for the preservation of
10 historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities
11 of national significance, and for other purposes”, approved
12 August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

13 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), there
15 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
16 essary to carry out this Act.

17 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Of the amounts made available
18 to carry out this Act, not more than \$6,000,000 may be
19 used to carry out section 4(a).

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