

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1569

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) 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 “Taunton River Wild
5 and Scenic River Study Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Taunton River in the State of Massa-
2 chusetts possesses important resource values (includ-
3 ing wildlife, ecological, and scenic values), historic
4 sites, and a cultural past important to the heritage
5 of the United States;

6 (2) there is strong support among State and
7 local officials, area residents, and river users for a
8 cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area;
9 and

10 (3) there is a longstanding interest among
11 State and local officials, area residents, and river
12 users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort
13 to manage the river in a productive and meaningful
14 way.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

16 Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
17 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating the second paragraph (8)
19 as paragraph (10);

20 (2) by redesignating the second paragraph (11)
21 as paragraph (12);

22 (3) by redesignating the third paragraph (11)
23 as paragraph (13);

24 (4) by redesignating the fourth paragraph (11)
25 as paragraph (14);

1 (5) by redesignating the first undesignated
2 paragraph as paragraph (15);

3 (6) by redesignating the second undesignated
4 paragraph as paragraph (16); and

5 (7) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(17) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—Not
7 later than 3 years after the date of enactment of
8 this paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior—

9 “(A) shall complete the study of the Taun-
10 ton River, Massachusetts; and

11 “(B) shall submit to Congress a report de-
12 scribing the results of the study.”.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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