

## Calendar No. 365

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1569

[Report No. 106-209]

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.

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### 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

NOVEMBER 2, 1999

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with amendments

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Taunton River Wild  
3 and Scenic River Study Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Taunton River in the State of Massa-  
7 chusetts possesses important resource values (includ-  
8 ing wildlife, ecological, and scenic values), historic  
9 sites, and a cultural past important to the heritage  
10 of the United States;

11 (2) there is strong support among State and  
12 local officials, area residents, and river users for a  
13 cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area;  
14 and

15 (3) there is a longstanding interest among  
16 State and local officials, area residents, and river  
17 users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort  
18 to manage the river in a productive and meaningful  
19 way.

20 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

21 *Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*  
22 *U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended—*

23 *(1) by designating the undesignated paragraph*  
24 *following (135) as paragraph (136); and*

25 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

1           “(137) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—The  
2           segment downstream from the headwaters, from the  
3           confluence of the Town River and the Matfield River  
4           in Bridgewater to the confluence with the Forge River  
5           in Raynham, Massachusetts.”.

6 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

7 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

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

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

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

14           (3) by redesignating the third paragraph (11) as  
15           paragraph (13);

16           (4) by redesignating the fourth paragraph (11)  
17           as paragraph (14);

18           (5) by redesignating the first undesignated para-  
19           graph as paragraph (15);

20           (6) by redesignating the second undesignated  
21           paragraph as paragraph (16); and

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

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

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

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

5 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7                   *There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as*  
8 *are necessary to carry out this Act.*



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