

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK
BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2015

FEBRUARY 24, 2016.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3371]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3371) to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 3371 is to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield in Georgia was set aside for preservation and protection in 1917 to commemorate a Civil War battle that proved to be a major turning point for the Union Army and the eventual fall of Atlanta. In 1935, the National Park Service (NPS) was directed to manage the park site as “an important cultural property dedicated to public inspiration and interpretation of the significant historic events that occurred here.”

H.R. 3371 expands the boundary of the Battlefield and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately eight acres of land by donation or exchange as part of the Park. The expanded area is associated with the historic Wallis House and Harriston Hill. Wallis House is one of the few remaining structures

associated with the battle, while Harriston Hill was strategically significant as the Union signal station. Cobb County is the current owner of the eight acres of property and expressed a desire to donate the land to NPS once the Park is authorized to receive it. H.R. 3371 will allow such a transaction to occur.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3371 was introduced on July 29, 2015, by Congressman Barry Loudermilk (R-GA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On February 2, 2016, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent on February 3, 2016.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(2)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

H.R. 3371—Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015

H.R. 3371 would adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in the state of Georgia. The bill would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire about 8 acres of land, including the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, by donation or exchange. Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3371 would cost \$2 million over the 2017–2021 period to develop and operate the new property.

Because enacting H.R. 3371 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3371 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 3371 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Marin Burnett. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. Section 308(a) of Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$2 million over the 2017–2021 time period, subject to appropriation.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104–4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. The Chairman does not believe that this bill directs any executive branch official to conduct any specific rule-making proceedings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95–220, as amended by Public Law 98–169) as relating to other programs.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.