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[Report No. 110-300]

To amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2007

Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BURR, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 10, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 “Civil War Battlefield
3 Preservation Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

5 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Civil War battlefields provide a means for
7 the people of the United States to understand a
8 tragic period in the history of the United States.

9 (2) According to the Report on the Nation’s
10 Civil War Battlefields, prepared by the Civil War
11 Sites Advisory Commission, and dated July 1993, of
12 the 384 principal Civil War battlefields—

13 (A) almost 20 percent are lost or frag-
14 mented;

15 (B) 17 percent are in poor condition; and

16 (C) 60 percent have been lost or are in im-
17 minent danger of being fragmented by develop-
18 ment and lost as coherent historic sites.

19 (b) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of this Act are—

20 (1) to act quickly and proactively to preserve
21 and protect nationally significant Civil War battle-
22 fields through conservation easements and fee-simple
23 purchases of those battlefields from willing sellers at
24 fair market value;

25 (2) to create partnerships among State and
26 local governments, regional entities, and the private

1 sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance nationally
 2 significant Civil War battlefields; and

3 ~~(3) to prepare our Nation for the upcoming ses-~~
 4 ~~quicentennial commemoration of the Civil War, 2011~~
 5 ~~through 2015, which is expected to stimulate re-~~
 6 ~~newed interest in the conflict and generate unprece-~~
 7 ~~dedited visitation to preserved Civil War battle-~~
 8 ~~grounds.~~

9 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION EXTENDED.**

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 11 U.S.C. 469k) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (d)(7)(A), by striking “fiscal
 13 years 2004 through 2008” and inserting “fiscal
 14 years 2009 through 2013”; and

15 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “September
 16 30, 2008” and inserting “September 30, 2013”.

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