

Union Calendar No. 525

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3286

[Report No. 113-694]

To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shut-down, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2013

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. STEWART, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. COOK, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 22, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. POLIS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. BARBER, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. COFFMAN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SALMON, and Mr. PASTOR of Arizona

DECEMBER 22, 2014

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Protecting States,
5 Opening National Parks Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS TO STATES TO OPEN**
7 **NATIONAL PARKS TO THE PUBLIC.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
9 funds are made available, the Secretary of the Treasury,
10 using funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
11 and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts,
12 and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corpora-
13 tions, and other organizational units of government for the
14 fiscal year 2014, shall reimburse any State for activities
15 described in subsection (b).

16 (b) ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—
17 The Secretary of the Treasury shall reimburse States
18 under subsection (a) for State funds expended for activi-
19 ties that meet all of the following criteria:

20 (1) The activity was conducted in fiscal year
21 2014 during a time when the Federal Government
22 was not conducting that activity due to the partial
23 shutdown of the Federal Government.

1 (2) The activity was necessary to operate and
2 open to the public a National Park located, in whole
3 or in part, within the State.

4 (3) The activity was authorized under Federal
5 law.

6 (4) The activity was conducted in a manner and
7 at a level not substantially greater in scope or cost
8 than how the activity would have been conducted by
9 the Federal Government.

10 (5) The activity is not a settlement of or de-
11 fense against a claim of liability on the part of the
12 State.

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