

Calendar No. 573107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**S. 2519****[Report No. 107-256]**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15 (legislative day, MAY 9), 2002

Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

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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 “Coltsville Study Act
3 of 2002”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) Hartford, Connecticut, home to Colt Manu-
7 facturing Company (referred to in this Act as
8 “Colt”), played a major role in the Industrial Revo-
9 lution;

10 (2) Samuel Colt, founder of Colt, and his wife,
11 Elizabeth Colt, inspired Coltsville, a community in
12 the State of Connecticut that flourished during the
13 Industrial Revolution and included Victorian man-
14 sions, an open green area, botanical gardens, and a
15 deer park;

16 (3) the residence of Samuel and Elizabeth Colt
17 in Hartford, Connecticut, known as “Armsmear”, is
18 a national historic landmark, and the distinctive Colt
19 factory is a prominent feature of the Hartford, Con-
20 necticut, skyline;

21 (4) the Colt legacy is not only about firearms,
22 but also about industrial innovation and the develop-
23 ment of technology that would change the way of life
24 in the United States, including—

25 (A) the development of telegraph tech-
26 nology; and

1 (B) advancements in jet engine technology
2 by Francis Pratt and Amos Whitney, who
3 served as apprentices at Colt;

4 (5) the influence of Colt extended beyond the
5 United States when Samuel Colt was the first resi-
6 dent of the United States to open a manufacturing
7 plant overseas;

8 (6) Coltsville—

9 (A) set the standard for excellence during
10 the Industrial Revolution; and

11 (B) continues to prove significant—

12 (i) as a place in which people of the
13 United States can learn about that impor-
14 tant period in history; and

15 (ii) by reason of the close proximity of
16 Coltsville to the Mark Twain House, Trin-
17 ity College, Old North Cemetery, and
18 many historic homesteads and
19 architecturally renowned buildings;

20 (7) in 1998, the National Park Service con-
21 ducted a special resource reconnaissance study of
22 the Connecticut River Valley to evaluate the signifi-
23 cance of precision manufacturing sites; and

24 (8) the report on the study stated that—

1 (A) no other region of the United States
2 contains an equal concentration of resources re-
3 lating to the precision manufacturing theme
4 that began with firearms production;

5 (B) properties relating to precision manu-
6 facturing encompass more than merely fac-
7 tories; and

8 (C) further study, which should be under-
9 taken, may recommend inclusion of churches
10 and other social institutions.

11 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than ~~1 year~~ *three years*
13 after the date on which funds are made available to carry
14 out this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in
15 this Act as the “Secretary”) shall complete a study of the
16 site in the State of Connecticut commonly known as
17 “Coltsville” to evaluate—

18 (1) the national significance of the site and sur-
19 rounding area;

20 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
21 the site and surrounding area as a unit of the Na-
22 tional Park System; and

23 (3) the importance of the site to the history of
24 precision manufacturing.

1 (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
2 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with Pub-
3 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–1 et seq.).

4 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

5 Not later than 30 days after the date on which the
6 study under section 3(a) is completed, the Secretary shall
7 submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of
8 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
9 ural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

10 (1) the findings of the study; and

11 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
12 Secretary.

13 **SEC. 5. 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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