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Fort Donelson National Battlefield Expansion Act of 2004

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Law: 108-367 (Enacted Oct 25, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]

Party: Republican • **State:** KY • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 2, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 646	Related bill	Jun 23, 2004: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 328.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on March 9, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Fort Donelson National Battlefield Expansion Act of 2004 - Declares that the Fort Donelson National Battlefield exists as a unit of the National Park System (the System) to commemorate the Battle of Fort Donelson in February 1862 and the campaign conducted by General Ulysses S. Grant and Admiral Andrew H. Foote that resulted in the capture of the Fort by Union forces.

Revises the boundary of the Battlefield to include: (1) the site of Fort Donelson and associated land that has been acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for administration by the National Park Service, including Fort Donelson Cemetery, in Stewart County, Tennessee, and the site of Fort Heiman and associated land in Calloway County, Kentucky; and (2) any land acquired pursuant to this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire only by purchase from willing sellers, by donation, or by exchange with willing owners for inclusion in the Fort Donelson National Battlefield land, interests, and improvements: (1) within the boundaries of the Battlefield; and (2) outside such boundaries if the land has been identified by the American Battlefield Protection Program as part of the battlefield associated with Fort Donelson or if the Secretary otherwise determines that acquisition will protect critical resources associated with the Battle of Fort Donelson and the Union campaign. Limits the total area encompassed by the Battlefield to 2,000 acres.

Requires the Secretary to administer the Battlefield in accordance with this Act and the laws generally applicable to units of the System, including the National Park Service Organic Act, and the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act.

Directs the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a memorandum of understanding to facilitate cooperatively protecting and interpreting the remaining vestige of Fort Henry and other remaining Civil War resources affiliated with the Fort Donelson campaign and located in the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 25, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Oct 25, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-367.
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- **Oct 13, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Oct 8, 2004:** Committee on Resources discharged.
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- **Oct 8, 2004:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H9008-9009)
- **Oct 8, 2004:** Mr. Cannon asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Oct 8, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H9008-9009)
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- **Oct 8, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 1, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **May 20, 2004:** Received in the House.
- **May 20, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 20, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **May 19, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5839-5840; text as passed Senate: CR S5839-5840)
- **May 19, 2004:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5839-5840; text as passed Senate: CR S5839-5840)
- **Mar 9, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 108-230.
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- **Mar 9, 2004:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 440.
- **Feb 11, 2004:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Oct 2, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-225.
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.