

HR 4491

Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act

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Chamber: House

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Referred To | May 19, 2010 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Discharged from | May 5, 2010 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|------------|----------------|---|
| 111 S 3222 | Identical bill | Apr 19, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2425) |

Summary (as of May 18, 2010)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to study alternatives for the commemoration and interpretation of the role of the Buffalo Soldiers (African-American troops who, in the late 19th century and early 20th century, came to be known as the Buffalo Soldiers) in the early years of the National Parks, which shall include: (1) a historical assessment of the Buffalo Soldiers who served in National Parks in the years before the establishment of the National Park Service (NPS); (2) an evaluation of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a national historic trail commemorating the route traveled by the Buffalo Soldiers from their post in the Presidio in San Francisco to the Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks and to any other National Parks where they may have served; (3) identification of properties that could meet criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or criteria for designation as National Historic Landmarks; and (4) an evaluation of ways of enhancing historical research, education, interpretation, and public awareness of the story of the Buffalo Soldiers' stewardship role in the National Parks, including linking the story of development of the Parks and the story of African-American military service following the Civil War. Requires the Secretary to submit to Congress a report on the study's findings and recommendations.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **May 18, 2010:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 111-482.
- **May 18, 2010:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 273.
- **May 18, 2010:** Ms. Bordallo moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **May 18, 2010:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3491-3492)
- **May 18, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4491.
- **May 18, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3491)
- **May 18, 2010:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3491)
- **May 18, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 5, 2010:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Discharged.
- **May 5, 2010:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 5, 2010:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 25, 2010:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 25, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.