

## HR 548

### Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jan 15, 2009

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Mar 4, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/548>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	R · SC		Jan 15, 2009
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Jan 15, 2009
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Jan 15, 2009
Rep. Campbell, John [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jan 26, 2009
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 28, 2009
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jan 28, 2009
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jan 28, 2009
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Feb 9, 2009
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Feb 9, 2009
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 25, 2009
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 3, 2009

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 4, 2009
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Mar 3, 2009)

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Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the American Battlefield Protection Program, to assist and work in partnership with citizens, federal, state, local, and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and private nonprofits in the identification, research, evaluation, interpretation, and protection of historic battlefields and associated sites.

Establishes a battlefield acquisition grant program under which the Secretary may provide grants to eligible entities (states and local governments) to pay the federal share of the cost to acquire interests in eligible sites for the preservation and protection of those sites. Permits an eligible entity to acquire an interest in an eligible site using a grant in partnership with a nonprofit. Requires the non-federal share to be at least 50%.

Limits acquisitions of land and interests under this Act to acquisitions of conservation easements and fee-simple purchases of eligible sites from willing sellers only.

Authorizes appropriations.

Repeals this Act on September 30, 2019.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 4, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2899-2900)
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 402 - 13 (Roll no. 92). (text: CR 3/2/2009 H2882)
- **Mar 3, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 402 - 13 (Roll no. 92). (text: CR 3/2/2009 H2882)
- **Mar 3, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 2, 2009:** Mr. Holt moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 2, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2882-2883)
- **Mar 2, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 548.
- **Mar 2, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Holt objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Feb 4, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.