

## HR 520

### Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 5, 2013
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 5, 2013
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2013
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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 5, 2013
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Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 5, 2013
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Feb 12, 2013
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 12, 2013
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 12, 2013
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Feb 12, 2013
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2013
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 26, 2013
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Apr 24, 2013

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 24, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 225	Identical bill	Jun 27, 2013: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 107.

## Summary (as of Jun 17, 2013)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)**

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 years prior to 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 of 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, and awareness of the story of the Buffalo Soldiers' stewardship role in the National Parks. Requires the Secretary to submit to Congress a report on the findings and recommendations of such study.

## Actions Timeline

- **Dec 20, 2013:** Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 285.
- **Jun 18, 2013:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jun 17, 2013:** Mr. Bishop (UT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 17, 2013:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3665-3666)
- **Jun 17, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 520.
- **Jun 17, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3665)
- **Jun 17, 2013:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3665)
- **Jun 17, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 17, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-81.
- **May 17, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 56.
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Discharged.
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 24, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Feb 5, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.