

S 2490

Blackwell School National Historic Site Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 6, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4706	Related bill	Dec 9, 2021: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill establishes the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Texas as a unit of the National Park System.

The purpose of the site is to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations the Blackwell School, including (1) the role of the Blackwell School, which educated children of Mexican descent, as an academic and cultural cornerstone in Marfa, Texas; and (2) the function of the Blackwell School within a segregated system of education in Texas and the United States from the period of 1885 through 1965.

The historic site shall not be established until the date on which the Department of the Interior has (1) entered into a written agreement with the Marfa Unified School District providing that the Blackwell School shall be donated to or placed by agreement into comanagement with the United States for inclusion in a national historic site to be managed consistently with the purposes of such a site, and (2) acquired sufficient land or interests in land within the boundaries of the historic site to constitute a manageable unit.

Interior may only acquire by donation, purchase with donated funds, or exchange any land or interest in land located within the boundary of the historic site.

The bill prohibits any private property or nonfederal public property from being included within the boundaries of the historic site or managed as part of such site without the written consent of the owner.

Interior shall prepare a general management plan for the historic site.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 17, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 17, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 17, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-206.
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7992-7993)
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 12 (Roll no. 444).
- **Sep 20, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 414 - 12 (Roll no. 444). (text: 9/19/2022 CR H7936)
- **Sep 20, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Mr. Grijalva moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7936-7937)
- **Sep 19, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2490.
- **Sep 19, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 19, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S2605-2606)
- **May 19, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 19, 2022:** Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2606)
- **May 19, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 19, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **May 19, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 2, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 117-92.
- **Mar 2, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 300.
- **Nov 18, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 6, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 27, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.