



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 29, 1999

### **S. 1117**

### **Corinth Battlefield Preservation Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 22, 1999*

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$4 million to implement S. 1117 over the next five years. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1117 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1117 would establish the Corinth Unit of the Shiloh National Military Park. The site of the new unit is currently within the Siege and Battle of Corinth National Historic Landmark in Mississippi and Tennessee. Initially, the unit would consist of about 20 acres known as the Battery Robinett, which is already owned by the National Park Service (NPS). In addition, the NPS would be authorized to acquire other land by donation provided that such property is owned by either a public agency or a nonprofit organization and that it has been identified in the Siege and Battle of Corinth National Historic Landmark Study of 1991.

Section 7 of the bill would direct the NPS to conduct a special resource study of land around the city of Corinth and nearby parts of Tennessee to identify other significant resources associated with the civil war and recommend alternatives for preserving them. Finally, section 8 would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary to carry out the legislation, including an additional \$3 million for the construction of an interpretive center authorized by the Congress in 1996. This amount would supplement an existing authorization for NPS to spend \$6 million at the Corinth Unit.

We estimate that the agency would incur additional expenses of about \$1 million to prepare a special resource study over the next 18 months, and implement other provisions of the bill.

The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.