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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1629

New Philadelphia, Illinois, Study Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 21, 2010*

S. 1629 would require the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a special resource study of the New Philadelphia archaeological site and surrounding lands in Illinois. Founded in 1836 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 2009, New Philadelphia was the first town founded, planned, and legally recorded by a free African American, Frank McWorter. In the study, the NPS would evaluate the national significance of the area and determine the suitability and feasibility of designating it as a unit of the National Park System. The agency would have three years to complete the study and report to the Congress on its results.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that carrying out the study required by S. 1629 would cost about \$250,000 over the next three years. Enacting S. 1629 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1629 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local or tribal governments.

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