



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 305 **Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond Battlefields Addition Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 16, 2013*

SUMMARY

S. 305 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire and include Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond battlefields into the Vicksburg National Military Park in the state of Mississippi. Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that acquiring, developing, and managing the properties would cost \$26 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. S. 305 also would reduce amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Preserve America Grant Program by \$18.5 million annually. Assuming appropriation actions consistent with the bill, CBO estimates that implementing S. 305 would reduce net discretionary spending for affected activities by \$56 million over the 2014-2018 period.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 305 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 305 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2014- 2018
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Vicksburg National Military Park						
Estimated Authorization Level	20	1	1	1	1	26
Estimated Outlays	15	6	1	1	1	26
Preserve America Grant Program						
Authorization Level	-19	-19	-19	-19	-19	-93
Estimated Outlays	-12	-16	-18	-18	-19	-82
Total Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	1	-17	-17	-17	-17	-67
Estimated Outlays	3	-10	-17	-17	-17	-56

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2013 and that annual appropriation actions will be consistent with the bill. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar park units and for the Preserve America Grant Program.

S. 305 would authorize the appropriation of \$18.5 million to acquire and develop up to 11,680 acres of land for inclusion in the Vicksburg National Military Park. Of those properties, about 2,200 acres would be donated to the NPS by the state of Mississippi, the Civil War Trust, and the Friends of Raymond, each of which owns or holds preservation easements on the lands. In addition to those costs, CBO estimates that the annual cost to operate the park would be about \$1 million.

To offset new discretionary spending authorized by the bill, S. 305 would reduce the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Preserve America Grant Program. Specifically, any of those amounts (\$25 million annually) that are not appropriated as of the date of enactment of this bill would be reduced by \$18.5 million. (About \$5 million was appropriated in 2010, the last year that funds were made available for the program.) Assuming that S. 305 is enacted before funds are appropriated for the program for fiscal year 2014 and that appropriation actions in later years are consistent with the bill, CBO estimates that resulting reductions in discretionary spending for the Preserve America Grant Program would total \$82 million over the 2014-2018 period. However, the reduction could be lower if the Congress provides appropriations for 2014 before S. 305 is enacted.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 305 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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