

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 225

To provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preserving America’s
5 Battlefields Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR BAT-**
7 **TLEFIELD ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 Section 308103(f) of title 54, United States Code, is
9 amended by striking “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years

1 2012 and 2013” and inserting “\$18,000,000 for each of
2 fiscal years 2020 through 2028”.

3 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF BATTLEFIELD INTERPRETA-**
4 **TION MODERNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM**
5 **AND BATTLEFIELD RESTORATION GRANT**
6 **PROGRAM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF BATTLEFIELD GRANT PRO-
8 GRAMS.—Chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code,
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 **“§ 308104. Battlefield interpretation modernization**
11 **grant program**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
13 lish a battlefield interpretation modernization grant pro-
14 gram under which the Secretary may provide competitive
15 grants to States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofit
16 organizations for projects and programs that deploy tech-
17 nology to modernize battlefield interpretation and edu-
18 cation.

19 “(b) ELIGIBLE SITES.—The Secretary may make
20 grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of
21 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites eligible for assistance
22 under the battlefield acquisition grant program established
23 under section 308103(b).

24 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
25 cost of a project or program funded through a grant pro-

1 vided under the program established under subsection (a)
2 shall be not more than 50 percent of the total cost of the
3 applicable project or program.

4 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to pro-
6 vide grants under this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal
7 years 2020 through 2028.

8 **“§ 308105. Battlefield restoration grant program**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
10 lish a battlefield restoration grant program (referred to
11 in this section as the ‘program’) under which the Secretary
12 may provide grants to States, Tribes, local governments,
13 and nonprofit organizations for projects that restore day-
14 of-battle conditions on land preserved under the battlefield
15 acquisition grant program established under section
16 308103(b).

17 “(b) ELIGIBLE SITES.—The Secretary may make
18 grants under this section for Revolutionary War, War of
19 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites eligible for assistance
20 under the battlefield acquisition grant program established
21 under section 308103(b).

22 “(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
23 cost of a restoration project funded through a grant pro-
24 vided under the program shall be not more than 50 per-
25 cent of the total cost of the project.

1 “(d) RESTORATION STANDARDS.—All restoration
2 work carried out through a grant awarded under the pro-
3 gram shall be performed in accordance with the Secretary
4 of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic
5 Properties under part 68 of title 36, Code of Federal Reg-
6 ulations (or successor regulations).

7 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to pro-
9 vide grants under this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal
10 years 2020 through 2028.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
12 ter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by
13 adding at the end the following:

“308104. Battlefield interpretation modernization grant program.
“308105. Battlefield restoration grant program.”.