

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 959, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 959

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medgar Evers House
5 Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall con-
3 duct a special resource study of the home of the late civil
4 rights activist Medgar Evers, located at 2332 Margaret
5 Walker Alexander Drive in Jackson, Mississippi.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
7 section (a), the Secretary shall—

8 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
9 site;

10 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
11 designating the site as a unit of the National Park
12 System;

13 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
14 protection, and interpretation of the site by Federal,
15 State, or local governmental entities, or private and
16 nonprofit organizations;

17 (4) consult with interested Federal, State, or
18 local governmental entities, private and nonprofit or-
19 ganizations or any other interested individuals;

20 (5) determine the effect of the designation of
21 the site as a unit of the National Park System on
22 existing commercial and recreational uses, and the
23 effect on State and local governments to manage
24 those activities;

25 (6) identify any authorities, including con-
26 demnation, that will compel or permit the Secretary

1 to influence or participate in local land use decisions
2 (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-Federal
3 land if the site is designated a unit of the National
4 Park System; and

5 (7) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
6 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
7 maintenance associated with the alternatives.

8 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
9 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
10 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

11 (d) STUDY RESULTS.—Not later than 3 years after
12 the date on which funds are first made available for the
13 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
14 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
16 Resources of the Senate the results of the study and any
17 conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.