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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Fox and Lower Wisconsin River corridors in the State of Wisconsin as a National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes.

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 “Fox-Wisconsin River
5 National Heritage Corridor Study Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Fox-Wisconsin waterway is famous as
4 the discovery route of Marquette and Joliet;

5 (2) as the connecting route between the Great
6 Lakes and the Mississippi River, the waterway was
7 critical to the opening of the Northwest Territory,
8 and served as a major artery in bringing commerce
9 to the interior of the United States and providing a
10 vital communication link for early explorers, mission-
11 aries, and fur traders;

12 (3) within the Fox and Lower Wisconsin River
13 corridors are an abundance of historic and archae-
14 ological sites and structures representing early Na-
15 tive Americans, European exploration, and 19th-cen-
16 tury transportation and settlement; and

17 (4) the unique aspects of the waterway, from
18 the heavily developed portions of the Fox River to
19 the pristine expanses of the Lower Wisconsin River,
20 should be studied to determine the waterway's suit-
21 ability and feasibility for designation as a National
22 Heritage Corridor.

23 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF FOX-WISCONSIN RIVER CORRIDORS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
25 date funds are made available to carry out this Act, the
26 Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the

1 “Secretary”) shall prepare a study on the suitability and
2 feasibility of designating the Fox and Lower Wisconsin
3 River corridors in the State of Wisconsin as a National
4 Heritage Corridor.

5 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On completion of the
6 study referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary shall
7 submit a report describing the results of the study to the
8 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
9 ate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
10 of Representatives.

11 **SEC. 4. FOX-WISCONSIN RIVER STUDY ADVISORY COMMIS-**
12 **SION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Fox-Wis-
14 consin River Study Advisory Commission (referred to in
15 this Act as the “Commission”) to advise the Secretary
16 with respect to the preparation of the study required
17 under section 3(a).

18 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of
19 16 members, appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

20 (1) 4 members shall be made from rec-
21 ommendations submitted by the Governor of the
22 State of Wisconsin, to represent affected State agen-
23 cies;

1 (2) 4 members shall represent local govern-
2 ments from affected communities along the Fox and
3 Lower Wisconsin River corridors; and

4 (3) 8 members shall be made from the general
5 public, who shall have knowledge and experience in
6 appropriate fields of interest relating to the preser-
7 vation, use, and interpretation of the Fox and Lower
8 Wisconsin River corridors, of whom—

9 (A) 4 members shall be residents of the
10 Fox River region; and

11 (B) 4 members shall be residents of the
12 Lower Wisconsin River region.

13 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The members of the Commission
14 shall elect a Chairperson from among the members of the
15 Commission.

16 (d) VACANCIES.—Vacancies on the Commission shall
17 be filled in the same manner in which the original appoint-
18 ment was made.

19 (e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the
20 call of the Chairperson.

21 (f) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission
22 shall receive no compensation as a result of their service
23 on the Commission. While away from their homes or regu-
24 lar places of business in the performance of services for
25 the Commission, members shall be allowed travel expenses,

1 including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same man-
 2 ner as persons employed intermittently in the Government
 3 service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title
 4 5, United States Code.

5 (g) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—Section
 6 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
 7 App. 2) shall not apply to the Commission.

8 (h) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Commission shall pub-
 9 lish and submit to the Secretary and the Governor of the
 10 State of Wisconsin an annual report concerning the activi-
 11 ties of the Commission.

12 (i) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
 13 on the completion of the study required under section 3(a).

14 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
 16 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate March 17 (legislative day, March
 3), 1993.

Attest:

WALTER J. STEWART,

Secretary.