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H. R. 5499

To amend the Antiquities Act to increase congressional oversight with respect to the designation of national monuments, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ROSE, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Congressional Over-
5 sight of the Antiquities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO ANTIQUITIES ACT.**

7 Section 320301 of title 54, United States Code (com-
8 monly referred to as the “Antiquities Act”), is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
2 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless extended or modi-
7 fied by statute, the establishment of a national
8 monument under subsection (a) or reservation of a
9 parcel of land under subsection (b) shall be effective
10 only until the earlier of the following:

11 “(A) The date that is 6 months after the
12 date of the establishment or reservation.

13 “(B) The last day of the Congress sitting
14 at the time of the establishment or reservation.

15 “(2) LIMITATION ON FUTURE MONUMENTS.—If
16 a national monument established under subsection
17 (a) or reservation of a parcel of land made under
18 subsection (b) is not extended or modified during the
19 effective period described in paragraph (1), or is oth-
20 erwise rejected by statute, the land or property in-
21 cluded within the boundaries of such national monu-
22 ment or parcel of land may not be included in the
23 extension or establishment of a national monument
24 under this section for a period of 25 years.”.