

## Union Calendar No. 49

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 723

**[Report No. 113-73]**

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. CICILLINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

MAY 17, 2013

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 14, 2013]

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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 “Wood-Pawcatuck Water-*  
 5 *shed Protection Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND**  
 7 **PAWCATUCK RIVERS STUDY.**

8        *(a) DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the*  
 9 *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended*  
 10 *by adding at the end the following:*

11            *“(\_\_\_\_) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND*  
 12 *PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CON-*  
 13 *NECTICUT.—The approximately 10-mile segment of*  
 14 *the Beaver River from its headwaters in Exeter,*  
 15 *Rhode Island, to its confluence with the Pawcatuck*  
 16 *River; the approximately 5-mile segment of the*  
 17 *Chipuxet River from Hundred Acre Pond to its outlet*  
 18 *into Worden Pond; the approximately 10-mile seg-*  
 19 *ment of the upper Queen River from its headwaters*  
 20 *to the Usquepaugh Dam in South Kingstown, Rhode*  
 21 *Island, and including all its tributaries; the approxi-*  
 22 *mately 5-mile segment of the lower Queen*  
 23 *(Usquepaugh) River from the Usquepaugh Dam to its*  
 24 *confluence with the Pawcatuck River; the approxi-*  
 25 *mately 11-mile segment of the upper Wood River from*

1        *its headwaters to Skunk Hill Road in Richmond and*  
 2        *Hopkinton, Rhode Island, and including all its tribu-*  
 3        *taries; the approximately 10-mile segment of the lower*  
 4        *Wood River from Skunk Hill Road to its confluence*  
 5        *with the Pawcatuck River; the approximately 28-mile*  
 6        *segment of the Pawcatuck River from Worden Pond*  
 7        *to Nooseneck Hill Road (RI Rte 3) in Hopkinton and*  
 8        *Westerly, Rhode Island; and the approximately 7-mile*  
 9        *segment of the lower Pawcatuck River from Nooseneck*  
 10       *Hill Road to Pawcatuck Rock, Stonington, Con-*  
 11       *necticut, and Westerly, Rhode Island.”.*

12       *(b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild*  
 13       *and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by*  
 14       *adding at the end the following:*

15                *“(\_\_\_\_) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND*  
 16        *PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CON-*  
 17        *NECTICUT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on*  
 18        *which funds are made available to carry out this*  
 19        *paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—*

20                        *“(A) complete the study of the Beaver,*  
 21                        *Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers,*  
 22                        *Rhode Island and Connecticut, described in sub-*  
 23                        *section (a)(\_\_\_\_);*

1           “(B) submit a report describing the results  
2 of that study to the appropriate committees of  
3 Congress;

4           “(C) include in the report under subpara-  
5 graph (B) the effect of the designation under this  
6 Act on—

7                   “(i) existing commercial and rec-  
8 reational activities, such as hunting, fish-  
9 ing, trapping, recreational shooting, motor  
10 boat use, or bridge construction;

11                   “(ii) the authorization, construction,  
12 operation, maintenance, or improvement of  
13 energy production and transmission infra-  
14 structure; and

15                   “(iii) the authority of State and local  
16 governments to manage those activities en-  
17 compassed in clauses (i) and (ii); and

18           “(D) identify—

19                   “(i) all authorities that will authorize  
20 or require the Secretary to influence local  
21 land use decisions (such as zoning) or place  
22 restrictions on non-Federal land if the area  
23 studied is designated under this paragraph;

24                   “(ii) all authorities that the Secretary  
25 may use to condemn property if the area

1                    *studied is designated under this paragraph;*

2                    *and*

3                    *“(iii) all private property located in*

4                    *the area studied under this provision.”.*



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