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S. 228

To amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 2015

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “National Monument
5 Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of
6 2015”.

7 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS.**

8 Section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Presi-
2 dent may” and inserting “After obtaining congres-
3 sional approval of the proposed national monument,
4 certifying compliance with the National Environ-
5 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)
6 with respect to the proposed national monument,
7 and determining that the State in which the pro-
8 posed national monument is to be located has en-
9 acted legislation approving the designation of the
10 proposed national monument, the President may”;
11 and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(e) RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC USE.—The Secretary
14 shall not implement any restrictions on the public use of
15 a national monument until the expiration of an appro-
16 priate review period (as determined by the Secretary) pro-
17 viding for public input and congressional approval.”.

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