

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3076

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies of natural soundscape preservation in the National Park Service.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2010

Ms. CANTWELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Silence Helps Us Hear  
5       Act of 2010”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
9       trator” means the Administrator of the Federal  
10       Aviation Administration.



1 assistance to the Secretary in carrying out the study  
2 under paragraph (1).

3 (b) STUDY OF PRESERVATION OF NATURAL  
4 SOUNDSCAPE RESOURCES.—To the extent that the Sec-  
5 retary has identified aviation or aircraft noise as 1 of the  
6 sources of National Park Service natural soundscapes deg-  
7 radation, the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary  
8 of Transportation (acting through the Administrator),  
9 shall conduct a study to identify methods to preserve the  
10 National Park Service natural soundscapes that have been  
11 the least degraded by—

12 (1) unnatural sounds; and

13 (2) undesirable sounds caused by humans.

14 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

15 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
16 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-  
17 port that—

18 (1) describes the results of the studies con-  
19 ducted under subsections (a) and (b) of section 3;  
20 and

21 (2) includes any recommendations that the Sec-  
22 retary determines to be appropriate.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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