

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “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—

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

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

3 “(c) LIMITATIONS.—

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

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

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

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