

## [H.R. 3371, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015](#)

### FLOOR SITUATION

On Wednesday, February 24, 2016, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 3371](#), the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3371 was introduced on July 29, 2015 by Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA), and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on February 3, 2016.

### SUMMARY

H.R. 3371 modifies the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Georgia to include approximately eight acres identified as Wallis House and Harrison Hill. In addition, the bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to acquire land or interests from, by donation or exchange, willing sellers only.

### BACKGROUND

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is a 2,965 acre National Battlefield that preserves a Civil War battleground of the Atlanta Campaign.<sup>1</sup> Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield in Georgia was set aside for preservation and protection in 1917 to commemorate a battle that proved to be a major turning point for the Union Army and the eventual fall of Atlanta.<sup>2</sup> In 1935, the National Park Service (NPS) was directed to manage the park site as “an important cultural property dedicated to public inspiration and interpretation of the significant historic events that occurred here.”<sup>3</sup>

This legislation will expand the boundary of the Battlefield and authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately eight acres of land by donation or exchange as part of the park. The expanded area is associated with the historic Wallis House and Harrison Hill.<sup>4</sup> Wallis House is one of the few remaining structures associated with the battle, while Harrison Hill was strategically

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.nps.gov/kemo/index.htm>

<sup>2</sup> See [Natural Resources Committee Hearing Memo on H.R. 3371](#)

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

significant as the Union signal station.<sup>5</sup> Cobb County is the current owner of the eight acres of property and expressed a desire to donate the land to NPS once the park is authorized to receive it.<sup>6</sup>

In the 113th Congress, nearly identical bills were introduced as H.R. 5003 and S. 2571 by former Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) and Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA), respectively.

### **COST**

A Congressional Budget Office estimate is not available at this time.

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<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*