



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

September 27, 1999

S. 710

The Vicksburg Campaign Trail Battlefields Preservation Act of 1999

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on
September 22, 1999*

S. 710 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a feasibility study to determine how to preserve several civil war battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail. The study would evaluate options for designating a local government agency or nonprofit organization as a management entity for the battlefields, which are located in Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. The agency would include in the study any recommendations on preserving and interpreting the battlefields and would identify potential partnerships among government agencies and private groups. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1.5 million for the three-year study and final report.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$1.5 million over the next three years to complete the required study and report. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 710 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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