

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2309**

To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended  
to be proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-

2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “African American Civil

5 Rights Network Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are—

8 (1) to recognize—

9 (A) the importance of the African Amer-

10 ican civil rights movement; and

1 (B) the sacrifices made by the people who  
2 fought against discrimination and segregation;  
3 and

4 (2) to authorize the National Park Service to  
5 coordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal  
6 activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret—

7 (A) the history of the African American  
8 civil rights movement;

9 (B) the significance of the civil rights  
10 movement as a crucial element in the evolution  
11 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.  
12 2000a et seq.); and

13 (C) the relevance of the African American  
14 civil rights movement in fostering the spirit of  
15 social justice and national reconciliation.

16 **SEC. 3. AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS NETWORK PRO-**  
17 **GRAM.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subdivision 1 of Division B of  
19 subtitle III of title 54, United States Code, is amended  
20 by inserting after chapter 3083 the following:

1       **“CHAPTER 3084—AFRICAN AMERICAN**  
2                                   **CIVIL RIGHTS NETWORK**

3       **“§ 308401. Definition of Network**

4            “In this chapter, the term ‘Network’ means the Afri-  
5       can American Civil Rights Network established under sec-  
6       tion 308402(a).

7       **“§ 308402. African American Civil Rights Network**

8            “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish,  
9       within the Service, a program to be known as the ‘African  
10      American Civil Rights Network’.

11          “(b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the  
12      Network, the Secretary shall—

13               “(1) review studies and reports to complement  
14              and not duplicate studies of the historical impor-  
15              tance of the African American civil rights movement  
16              that may be underway or completed, such as the  
17              Civil Rights Framework Study;

18               “(2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-  
19              cational materials relating to the African American  
20              civil rights movement, such as handbooks, maps, in-  
21              terpretive guides, or electronic information;

22               “(3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-  
23              ments and memoranda of understanding to provide  
24              technical assistance under subsection (c); and

1           “(4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform  
2 symbol or device for the Network; and

3           “(B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol  
4 or device adopted under subparagraph (A).

5           “(c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the  
6 following elements:

7           “(1) All units and programs of the Service that  
8 are determined by the Secretary to relate to the Af-  
9 rican American civil rights movement during the pe-  
10 riod from 1939 through 1968.

11           “(2) Other Federal, State, local, and privately  
12 owned properties that—

13           “(A) relate to the African American civil  
14 rights movement;

15           “(B) have a verifiable connection to the  
16 African American civil rights movement; and

17           “(C) are included in, or determined by the  
18 Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-  
19 tional Register of Historic Places.

20           “(3) Other governmental and nongovernmental  
21 facilities and programs of an educational, research,  
22 or interpretive nature that are directly related to the  
23 African American civil rights movement.

1 **“§ 308403. Cooperative agreements and memoranda**  
2 **of understanding**

3 “To achieve the purposes of this chapter and to en-  
4 sure effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal  
5 elements of the Network described in section 308402(c)  
6 with System units and programs of the Service, the Sec-  
7 retary may enter into cooperative agreements and memo-  
8 randa of understanding with, and provide technical assist-  
9 ance to the heads of other Federal agencies, States, units  
10 of local government, regional governmental bodies, and  
11 private entities.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters  
13 for title 54, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
14 after the item relating to chapter 3083 the following:

“3084. African American Civil Rights Network.”.