

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

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To authorize a study to determine the best scientific method for the long-term protection of California's giant sequoia groves.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RADANOVICH, (for himself, \_\_\_\_\_) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*

2 *United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Giant Sequoia Groves Protection and

5 Management Act of 2000".

1 **SECTION 2. STUDY.**

2 (a) **STUDY OF GIANT SEQUOIA GROVES.** – Within 30 days of  
3 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall enter into an  
4 agreement with and provide funding, to the National Academy of Sciences  
5 ('NAS'), the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources, ('Board'), to  
6 conduct a detailed, comprehensive study of the ecology, management and  
7 protection of sequoia groves within the Sequoia National Forest and to  
8 provide science-based recommendations for future management.

9 (1) **CONTENTS.** – The study shall identify and consider –

10 (A) the best management practices necessary to  
11 protect, restore and maintain the long-term health, and to  
12 ensure adequate regeneration and expansion of the giant  
13 sequoia groves, including methods of reducing the potential  
14 for catastrophic fire and loss to insects and disease;

15 (B) the adequacy of existing federal and state forest  
16 management regulations, programs and practices in the  
17 Sequoia National Forest with regard to the objectives in  
18 subparagraph (1)(A);

19 (C) the adequacy of existing federal and state forest  
20 management regulations, programs and practices on the  
21 forests outside of the sequoia groves in terms of how they

1 affect the health of the sequoia groves;

2 (D) recommendations and conclusions regarding how  
3 federal and state forest management could be coordinated  
4 and improved to achieve the goals in subparagraph (1)(A).

5 (2) CONSULTATION. – In preparation of the study, the Board  
6 shall consult with the relevant state and federal regulatory  
7 authorities to identify and evaluate relevant regulations, programs  
8 and practices.

9 (3) EXISTING LITERATURE – The Board shall review and  
10 synthesize published literature pertaining to giant sequoia,  
11 including the 1996 Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project Report to  
12 Congress and its analysis of giant sequoia health.

13 (b) REPORT. – No later than 18 months after the date on which the  
14 agreement is entered under subsection (a), the Board shall submit a final  
15 report to the appropriate federal agencies, the Congress and the Governor of  
16 California.

17 (c) FUNDS. – From the funds made available for roads and trails  
18 within the U.S. Forest Service, the Secretary shall provide to the NAS such  
19 funds as it requests, not to exceed \$800,000, for the purpose of conducting  
20 this analysis.

21 (d) NATIONAL MONUMENTS. – Following the date of enactment, no

1 lands within the boundaries of the Sequoia National Forest shall be  
2 available for proclamation as a national monument by the President of the  
3 United States until at least 90 days after publication of the final report  
4 authorized in subparagraph (b).