

Subcommittee on Federal Lands
Tom McClintock, Chairman
Hearing Memo

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To: Federal Lands Subcommittee Members
From: Terry Camp, Subcommittee Staff, x 6-7736
Subject: Legislative Hearing on H.R. 959, "*Medgar Evers House Study Act*" on **June 16, 2015, 10:00 AM; 1324 Longworth HOB.**

H.R. 959, "Medgar Evers House Study Act"

Bill Summary

H.R. 959, introduced by Congressman Bennie Thompson, (D-MS), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi.

Invited Witnesses

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)
Member of Congress

Background

This legislation was introduced to authorize a special resource study by the Secretary of the Interior on the home of the late civil rights activist, Medgar Evers, located in Jackson, Mississippi. The Evers family home was the site of the assassination of prominent civil rights activist Medgar Evers in 1963 by Byron De La Beckwith, a member of the White Citizens' Council. The home, now a museum operated by Tougaloo College, contains period furnishings, exhibits, and family photographs.

The study will seek to determine the national significance of the Medgar Evers site. Based on the degree of significance, the Secretary will determine the feasibility of designating the site as a unit of the National Park. During completion of the study, the National Park Service will also consult and collaborate with various public and private entities to determine costs and other factors associated with the acquisition, preservation, and maintenance of the site.

Administration Position

Unknown at this time.

Cost

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.