

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 5136

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study
of Plum Island.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL

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 “Plum Island Preserva-
5 tion Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PLUM ISLAND PRESERVATION STUDY.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
11 means the consolidated Federal asset commonly
12 known as “Plum Island” in the State of New York

1 and all improvements on and to the Federal asset,
2 including—

3 (A) the Orient Point facility; and

4 (B) all real and personal property, all
5 transportation assets, and all associated infra-
6 structure that support—

7 (i) Plum Island operations; and

8 (ii) access to Plum Island.

9 (b) STUDY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
11 a study to determine the appropriateness of—

12 (A) designating all or a portion of the
13 study area as a unit of the National Park Sys-
14 tem or a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge
15 System; or

16 (B) providing protection for the resources
17 of the study area by other means.

18 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under
19 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

20 (A) evaluate the national significance of
21 the study area;

22 (B) consult with interested Federal agen-
23 cies, State or local governmental entities, pri-
24 vate and nonprofit organizations, or any other
25 interested individuals; and

1 (C) identify cost estimates for any Federal
2 acquisition, development, interpretation, oper-
3 ation, and maintenance associated with the al-
4 ternatives considered.

5 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the
6 date on which funds are first made available to carry
7 out the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary
8 shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
9 ural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on
10 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives
11 a report that describes—

12 (A) the findings and conclusions of the
13 study; and

14 (B) any recommendations of the Secretary.