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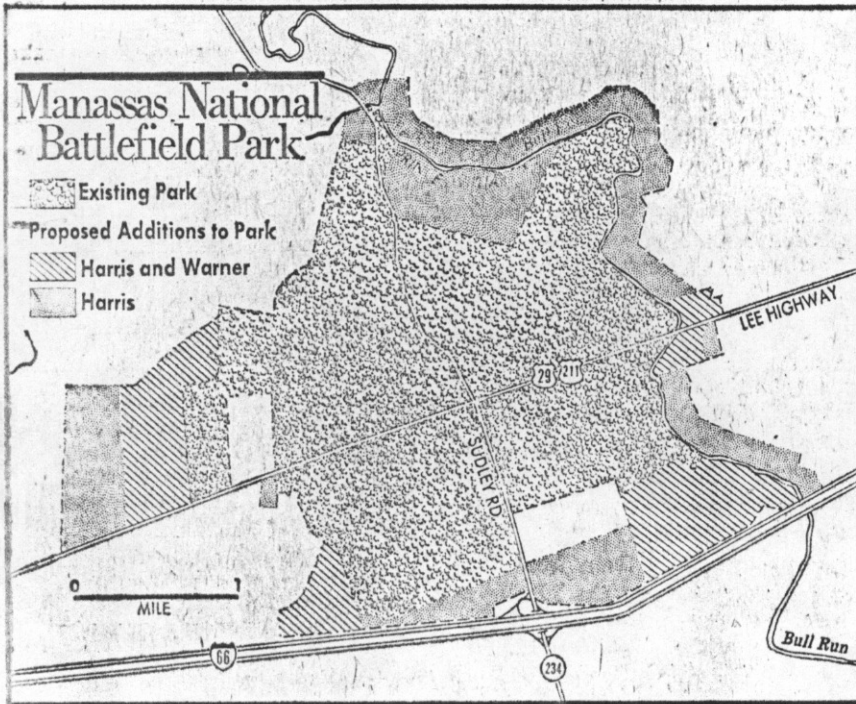
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A Warner aide said she was confident members of the Prince William County Board assured the park would protect the entrance and use of any structures on the entrance.

Warner's bill would include two-thirds of the Brandywine farm, an area many consider the most significant scene of two Civil War battles. Warner's bill would include only one-third of the farm, the area north of the line, so that the cost of the land to build Interstate Rte. 234, which now runs through the park.

Also omitted from Warner's bill was the area south of the line, which he said would be included in the Senate bill. "I'm not sure about 500 acres in the north and east," she said.

Board Chairman Barbara M. Feldt, who favors the park, said she is



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A Warner aide said the four members of the Prince William County board assured the senator they could protect the entrance through new zoning regulations limiting the height and use of any structures built near the entrance.

Warner's bill would add about two-thirds of the Brawner farm to the park, an area many historians agree is the most significant historical parcel of land not within the park. Warner said he was leaving out the other third of the farm, west of a power line, so that the county could acquire the land to build a bypass for State Rte. 234, which now runs through the park.

Also omitted from Warner's proposal, which he said he plans to introduce in the Senate next week, are about 500 acres in Fairfax County, on the north and east sides of Bull Run.

Board Chairman Kathleen K. Seefeldt, who favors expansion of the park, said she is hopeful that War-

ner's proposal will be "the basis for a compromise that can get through Congress."

Supervisor A. E. Humphries called Warner's plan "the most reasonable version of an expansion bill that I've seen this far." She said "it attempts to address the needs of the county, in-holders and of some historians. It's something I could support," she said, noting that she is not adamantly opposed to the Harris bill.

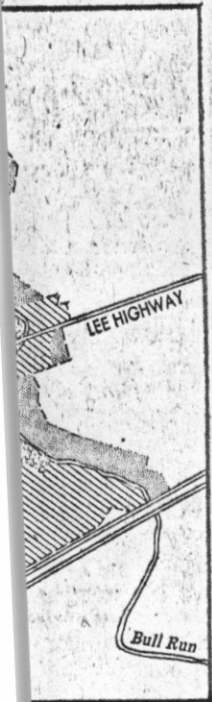
"It's a good starting point," Humphries added. "It won't end all controversy, but nothing would."

## New State Penitentiary Is Asked in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Sept. 7 (UPI) — The city grand jury issued a report today urging the construction of a new state penitentiary in Baltimore.

Before issuing its report, the penal committee of the grand jury visited the Maryland Penitentiary in July.

"The present penitentiary was built in the early 1800s and, as such, was built to accommodate inmates with the ideas that prevailed at the time," the grand jury report said.



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