

COASTAL HERITAGE TRAIL ROUTE IN NEW JERSEY

FEBRUARY 11, 1999.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 171]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 171) to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 171 is to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey and for other purposes.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route was first established in 1988 by Public Law 100-515. The Trail runs along the coast of New Jersey from Perth Amboy, south along the Atlantic Ocean to Cape May, then northwest along the Delaware Bay shoreline to Deepwater, New Jersey. The Trail was developed in a cooperative manner between the National Park Service, the State of New Jersey, and many other organizations to provide for public appreciation, education, and enjoyment of certain nationally significant natural and cultural sites associated with the coastal areas of New Jersey. The establishment of this Route gave the Secretary of the Interior authority to enter into cooperative agreements with other federal, state, and local government agencies, along with other entities to provide technical assistance in the development of interpretive devices and materials and conservation methods for the natural and cultural resources along the Trail. Such agree-

ments led to the production and distribution of informational material to the public and interpretative markers.

H.R. 171 would continue and complete the cooperative efforts already begun by the parties involved by authorizing an appropriation of \$4 million. This bill also authorizes the Secretary to continue the authorities established in 1988 for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route for an additional five years under Public Law 100-515.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 171 was introduced on January 6, 1999, by Congressman Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On February 3, 1999, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. Government Reform Oversight Findings. Under clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on this bill.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, February 9, 1999.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 171, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, and for other purposes.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

DAN L. CRIPPEN, *Director.*

Enclosure.

H.R. 171—A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, and for other purposes

H.R. 171 would increase the existing authorization for developing the Coastal Heritage Trail Route from \$1 million to \$4 million. Other provisions of the bill would have no effect on the Federal budget. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend \$3 million over the next five years to implement H.R. 171. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

This bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Any projects funded with appropriations authorized by this bill would require equal matching funds from nonfederal sources, which may include the state of New Jersey and local governments in the state. Such spending would be voluntary on the part of these governments. The bill would have no other significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal government.

The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 6 OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 20, 1988

AN ACT To provide for the establishment of a Coastal Heritage Route in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) * * *

(b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), there are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the purposes of this Act ~~[\$1,000,000]~~ \$4,000,000, which is in addition to any sums appropriated for such purposes for use during fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 1993.

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(c) The authorities provided to the Secretary under this Act shall terminate ~~[five]~~ 10 years after the date of enactment of this subsection.