

TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE AIR FORCE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OR ITS ENVIRONS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2000.—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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4583]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4583) to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, 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. 4583 is to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

In December 1993 the President signed Public Law 103-163, authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish an Air Force Memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Air Force. The establishment of the memorial was to comply with the provisions of the Commemorative Works Act.

Among other things, the Commemorative Works Act provides that the legislative authority for the commemorative work expires at the end of the seven-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of such authority, unless a construction permit has been issued. To date, no construction permit has been issued. Due to unforeseen and lengthy lawsuits, all work, including the fund-raising

for the memorial, was temporarily postponed for approximately three years. The lawsuits have been settled and work is ready to recommence regarding the memorial. However, due to the delay and the seven-year requirement of the Commemorative Works Act, the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation will expire on December 2, 2000, unless Congress passes a time extension. With considerable work already accomplished and the lawsuits settled, the memorial needs to be completed. Thus, this bill would extend authority to the Air Force Memorial Foundation to complete the well-deserved memorial. The authority would extend until 2005 giving the Foundation the time to fulfill the final construction and dedication of the Air Force Memorial.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4583 was introduced by Congressman James V. Hansen (R-UT) on June 6, 2000. The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On June 27, 2000, the Subcommittee met to consider the bill. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the full Committee on Resources by voice vote. On July 19, 2000, the Resources Committee met to consider the bill. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

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 rec-

ommendations 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, July 26, 2000.

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. 4583, a bill to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

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

Sincerely,

STEVEN LIEBERMAN
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 4583—A bill to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs

H.R. 4583 would extend until December 2, 2005, the authority to establish a memorial to the Air Force. The extension would give the Air Force Memorial Foundation (the site's sponsor) an additional five years to obtain the necessary permits for the project. Under current law, authority to construct the site will expire on December 2, 2000.

The prospective memorial is to be established with nonfederal funds, and therefore, extending the authority to establish it would not affect the federal budget. Because the legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4583 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt State, local, or tribal law.

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 (new matter is printed in italic and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 4 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 2, 1993

AN ACT To authorize the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

SEC. 4. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.

Notwithstanding section 10(b) of the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1010(b)), the legislative authority for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial under this Act shall expire on December 2, 2005.