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S. 281

To authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. KERRY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vietnam Veterans Me-
5 morial Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY EDUCATION CENTER.**

7 Public Law 96–297 (16 U.S.C. 431 note; 94 Stat.
8 827) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 6. TEMPORARY EDUCATION CENTER.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
3 Fund, Inc., may, in accordance with this section, construct
4 a temporary education center (referred to in this section
5 as the ‘Center’) for the purpose of educating people about
6 the memorial authorized by this Act.

7 “(b) ELEMENTS.—The Center shall—

8 “(1) be placed on the memorial described in
9 section 5(f);

10 “(2) replace the National Park Service visitor
11 center located on the site as of the date of enact-
12 ment of this section; and

13 “(3) have an area of not to exceed 1,200 square
14 feet.

15 “(c) DURATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall be a tem-
17 porary structure to be erected for a period of 10
18 years beginning on the date of completion of con-
19 struction of the Center, subject to paragraph (2).

20 “(2) REEVALUATION.—On expiration of the pe-
21 riod referred to in paragraph (1), Congress may re-
22 evaluate the continuing need for the Center.

23 “(d) FUNDING.—All funds required for the design
24 and construction of the Center shall be provided by the
25 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

1 “(e) RELATION TO COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.—
2 The Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.)
3 shall apply to the design and placement of the Center.

4 “(f) LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF EXCESS COIN
5 FUNDS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (2), none of the funds made available under
8 section 208(b) of the United States Veterans Com-
9 memorative Coin Act of 1993 (31 U.S.C. 5112 note;
10 107 Stat. 2249) may be used to carry out this sec-
11 tion.

12 “(2) USE OF EXCESS COIN FUNDS.—Funds de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1) may be used to carry out
14 this section only if—

15 “(A) excess funds are available after the
16 purposes of section 208(b) of the United States
17 Veterans Commemorative Coin Act of 1993 (31
18 U.S.C. 5112 note; 107 Stat. 2249) have been
19 met; and

20 “(B) the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
21 Fund, Inc.—

22 “(i) prepares a detailed written expla-
23 nation of its compliance with section
24 208(b) of the United States Veterans Com-
25 memorative Coin Act of 1993 (31 U.S.C.

1 5112 note; 107 Stat. 2249) (including an
2 accounting of any excess funds);

3 “(ii) prepares a detailed written expla-
4 nation of the actual purposes for which the
5 excess funds, or any portion of the funds,
6 would be used (including documentation, in
7 sufficient detail, of the actual uses of those
8 funds);

9 “(iii) has the explanations and docu-
10 mentation under clauses (i) and (ii) cer-
11 tified by each member of its board of direc-
12 tors and by its chief executive officer;

13 “(iv) provides for an appropriate con-
14 tingency reserve; and

15 “(v) makes available, on request by
16 any Member of Congress or authorized
17 representative of a Federal department or
18 agency, any explanation or certified docu-
19 ment (including supporting documents) de-
20 scribed in any of clauses (i) through (iii).”.

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