

Union Calendar No. 171

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1442

[Report No. 108-295]

To authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2003

Mr. POMBO (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. MURTHA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

OCTOBER 2, 2003

Additional sponsors: Mr. PORTER, Mr. FROST, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. WOLF, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. HERGER, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Ms. HART, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. JOHN, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. RENZI, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. ROSS, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. COLE, Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. FORD, Mr. GORDON, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. NEY, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. NUNES, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. SNYDER

OCTOBER 2, 2003

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 26, 2003]

A BILL

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for 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. VISITOR CENTER.**

4 *Public Law 96–297 (16 U.S.C. 431 note) is amended*
5 *by adding at the end the following:*

6 **“SEC. 6. VISITOR CENTER.**

7 “(a) *AUTHORIZATION.—*

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Vietnam Veterans Me-*
9 *memorial Fund, Inc., is authorized to construct a visitor*
10 *center at or near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on*
11 *Federal land in the District of Columbia, or its envi-*
12 *rons, subject to the provisions of this section, in order*
13 *to better inform and educate the public about the*
14 *Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam War.*

15 “(2) *LOCATION.—The visitor center shall be lo-*
16 *cated underground.*

1 “(b) *APPLICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS*
2 *ACT.*—Chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (com-
3 monly referred to as the Commemorative Works Act) shall
4 apply to the siting, design, construction, and maintenance
5 of the visitor center, and the visitor center shall be consid-
6 ered a commemorative work for the purposes of that Act,
7 except that—

8 “(1) final approval of the visitor center shall not
9 be withheld; and

10 “(2) the provisions of section 8908(b) of title 40,
11 United States Code requiring further approval by law
12 for the location of a commemorative work within Area
13 I shall not apply.

14 “(c) *OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.*—The Secretary
15 of the Interior shall—

16 “(1) operate the visitor center;

17 “(2) enter into a cooperative agreement with the
18 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. for the rou-
19 tine maintenance of the visitor center;

20 “(3) not later than 120 days after the date of the
21 enactment of this section, in consultation with edu-
22 cators and veterans groups, provide to the Vietnam
23 Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. a preliminary plan to
24 guide the design phase of the visitor center exhibits;
25 and

1 “(4) as soon as practicable, in consultation with
2 educators and veterans groups, develop a written in-
3 terpretive plan for the visitor center in accordance
4 with National Park Service policy.

5 “(d) FUNDING.—The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
6 Fund, Inc. shall be solely responsible for acceptance of con-
7 tributions for, and payment of expenses of, the establish-
8 ment of the visitor center. No Federal funds shall be used
9 to pay any expense of the establishment of the visitor center
10 or its maintenance.”.

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