

ADMIRAL LLOYD R. "JOE" VASEY PACIFIC WAR
COMMEMORATIVE DISPLAY ESTABLISHMENT ACT

DECEMBER 6, 2017.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4300]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4300) to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, 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. 4300 is to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 4300 authorizes Pacific Historic Parks, a nonprofit National Park Service cooperating association, to establish a commemorative display at Pearl Harbor to honor service members who served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. H.R. 4300 provides a long-overdue place for people to visit and reflect upon the more than 150,000 Americans and allied soldiers whose lives were lost in the Pacific Theater during World War II. No federal funds may be used to pay for or maintain the display.

The bill's short title recognizes the significant role that Admiral Lloyd R. "Joe" Vasey has played in advocating for this memorial. After graduating from the Naval Academy in June 1939 Admiral Vasey had a long and distinguished Navy career. Admiral Vasey

served as chief of strategic plans and policies at U.S. Pacific Command Headquarters; secretary to the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff; deputy director of the U.S. National Military Command Center in the Pentagon; and chief of staff for the Commander U.S. 7th Fleet. Admiral Vasey turned 100 years old on January 31, 2017.

A similar sense of Congress provision was included in the text of H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 as passed by the House, but was not included in the final conference report on that bill.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4300 was introduced on November 8, 2017, by Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (D–HI). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. On November 29, 2017, the Natural 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 on November 30, 2017.

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 Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not yet received a cost estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, including an estimate of federal mandates pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The Committee will insert the cost estimate in the Congressional Record when received. However, section 4(b) of the bill prohibits the use of Federal funds to design, procure, prepare, install or maintain the commemorative display. Therefore, the Committee believes that enactment of the bill would have no or an insignificant impact on the federal budget and believes there are no federal mandates in this bill.

2. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104–4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95-220, as amended by Public Law 98-169) as relating to other programs.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

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

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.