

NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO FALLEN EDUCATORS ACT

JANUARY 29, 2018.—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. 2711]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2711) to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Memorial to Fallen Educators Act”.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The memorial to fallen educators located at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, is designated as the “National Memorial to Fallen Educators”.

(b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memorial designated by this section is not a unit of the National Park System and the designation of the National Memorial to Fallen Educators shall not require or permit Federal funds to be expended for any purpose related to that national memorial.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 2711 is to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

From 1764 to the present, 119 educators in the United States have lost their lives while performing their professional duties. The United States currently lacks a national memorial dedicated to fallen educators. A memorial at the National Teachers Hall of Fame

in Emporia, Kansas, was dedicated on June 12, 2014, to honor educators who have lost their lives in the line of professional service. This legislation designates that particular memorial as the “National Memorial to Fallen Educators.” Passage of this bill provides for this honorary name designation only, and does not transfer responsibilities for its upkeep or management to the National Park Service, nor may federal funds be used in relation to the memorial.

The Senate passed an identical companion measure, S. 167, authored by Senator Jerry Moran (R–KS) by voice vote on December 21, 2017.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 2711 was introduced on May 25, 2017, by Congressman Roger W. Marshall (R–KS). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On January 10, 2018, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. Congressman Rob Bishop (R–UT) offered an amendment designated #1; it was adopted by unanimous consent. No additional amendments were offered, and the bill, as amended, 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 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 received the enclosed cost estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, January 26, 2018.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2711, the National Memorial to Fallen Educators Act.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

H.R. 2711—National Memorial to Fallen Educators Act

H.R. 2711 would designate the memorial to fallen educators located at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, as a national memorial. The memorial would not become a unit of the National Park System. Using information from the National Park Service, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2711 would have no effect on the federal budget because the bill would prohibit federal funds from being used to operate the memorial.

Enacting H.R. 2711 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2711 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2711 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On April 10, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 167, the National Memorial to Fallen Educators Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 30, 2017. The two bills are identical and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Janani Shankaran. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

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 designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas.

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 in existing law.

