

JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II HISTORY NETWORK
ACT

MARCH 9, 2022.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 6434]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6434) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish, within the National Park Service, the Japanese American World War II History Network, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 6434 is to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish, within the National Park Service, the Japanese American World War II History Network.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 6434 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Japanese American World War II History Network within the National Park Service (NPS). The bill would authorize NPS to coordinate and facilitate federal and non-federal activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of Japanese American incarceration during World War II and the people, resources, and events that commemorate that history across the nation. The authority to create this Network sunsets after seven years. This Network will support education and awareness of the people, places, and events that were associated with the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Between 1942 and 1945, the U.S. government wrongfully imprisoned approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans, most of whom were citizens, during World War II. Many of the U.S. government's activities were done in secrecy and were not accurately represented to the public in the years after the war.

The legislation would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and identify the Network by reviewing studies and reports to support the interpretation of Japanese American experiences associated with the incarceration. Educational materials will be disseminated, an official Network symbol will be created, and cooperative agreements will be entered into to support the creation and activities of the Network.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 6434 was introduced on January 20, 2022, by Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA). The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On February 3, 2022, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On February 16, 2022, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House Rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: hearing by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held on February 3, 2022.

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 AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* 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 following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 4, 2022.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
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. 6434, the Japanese American World War II History Network Act.

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

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

| H.R. 6434, Japanese American World War II History Network Act | | | |
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| As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 16, 2022 | | | |
| By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars | 2022 | 2022-2026 | 2022-2031 |
| Direct Spending (Outlays) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) | * | 1 | not estimated |
| Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? | No | Mandate Effects | |
| Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? | No | Contains intergovernmental mandate? | No |
| | | Contains private-sector mandate? | No |
| * = between zero and \$500,000. | | | |

H.R. 6434 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Japanese American World War II History Network within the National Park Service (NPS). The network, which would be authorized for seven years, would coordinate federal and nonfederal activities that commemorate, honor, and interpret the history of Japanese Americans during World War II. It would consist of NPS units and programs related to the period along with properties and programs of other federal, state, local, and private entities that wished to join.

Under the bill, the NPS would produce and distribute educational materials about the network, create an official symbol, and provide technical assistance to entities interested in joining. The bill would authorize the NPS to enter into cooperative agreements and memorandums of understanding with private organizations and state and local governments.

Using information from the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6434 would have an insignificant cost in each year, totaling \$1 million over the 2022–2026 period; spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Madeleine Fox. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

2. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goals and objectives of this bill are to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish, within the National Park Service, the Japanese American World War II History Network.

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.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

According to CBO, this bill contains no unfunded mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

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

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.