

CANE RIVER CREOLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
BOUNDARY MODIFICATION ACT

DECEMBER 7, 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. 4648]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4648) to modify the boundary of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends 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 “Cane River Creole National Historical Park Boundary Modification Act”.

SEC. 2. CANE RIVER CREOLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.

Section 303(b) of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park and National Heritage Area Act (16 U.S.C. 410ccc-1(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) The approximately 46.1 acres of land identified as ‘Proposed Addition’ as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Cane River Creole National Historical Park Proposed Addition - Magnolia Unit’, numbered 494/176,958, and dated October 2021.”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 4648 is to modify the boundary of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 4648 would amend the Cane River Creole National Historical Park and National Heritage Area Act (16 U.S.C. 410ccc–1(b)) to include approximately 46.1 acres of land.

In 1994, Congress established the Cane River Creole National Historical Park (NHP) in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, for the preservation and interpretation of Creole culture and the diverse history of the Natchitoches region. Today, the NHP preserves 62.36 acres of cultural landscapes, 65 historic structures, approximately 500,000 artifacts, and numerous other unique resources—including the Oakland Plantation and Magnolia Plantation Complex, the two most intact French Creole cotton plantations in the country.

Located along the Cane River Lake, the NHP strives to share the story of the evaluation of plantation agriculture through the perspectives of the landowners, enslaved workers, skilled workers, and tenant farmers who labored along the Cane River for more than 200 years.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4648 was introduced on July 22, 2021, by Representative Mike Johnson (R–LA). 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 October 14, 2021, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On November 17, 2021, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R–AR) offered an amendment designated Westerman #5. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill, as amended, 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 October 14, 2021.

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, as well as clause 3(d) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received the following materials for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 14, 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 table summarizing estimated budgetary effects and mandates information for some of the legislation that has been ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources during the 117th Congress.

If you wish further details, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact for each estimate is listed on the enclosed table.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

SUMMARY ESTIMATES OF LEGISLATION ORDERED REPORTED

The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the Congressional Budget Office, to the extent practicable, to prepare estimates of the budgetary effects of legislation ordered reported by Congressional authorizing committees. In order to provide the Congress with as much information as possible, the attached table summarizes information about the estimated direct spending and revenue effects of some of the legislation that has been ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources during the 117th Congress. The legislation listed in this table generally would have small effects, if any, on direct spending or revenues, CBO estimates. Where possible, the table also provides information about the legislation's estimated effects on spending subject to appropriation and on intergovernmental and private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

ESTIMATED BUDGETARY EFFECTS AND MANDATES INFORMATION

Bill Number	Title	Status	Last Action	Budget Function	Direct Spending, 2023–2032	Revenues, 2023–2032	Spending Subject to Appropriation, 2023–2027	Pay-As-You-Go Procedures Apply?	Increase On-Budget Deficits Beginning in 2033?	Mandates	Contact
H.R. 3600	Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act.	Ordered reported	11/17/21	300	0	0	Not estimated	No	No	No	Madeleine Fox
	H.R. 3600 would designate the 2,400 miles of U.S. Highway 66 from Illinois to California as the Route 66 National Historic Trail. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3600 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.										
H.R. 4648	Cane River Creole National Historical Park Boundary Modification Act.	Ordered reported	11/17/21	300	0	0	Not estimated	No	No	No	Madeleine Fox
	H.R. 4648 would add about 46 acres to the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in Louisiana. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4648 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.										
H.R. 4690	Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021.	Ordered reported	09/29/22	300	Between -\$500,000 and zero	0	Not estimated	Yes	No	No	Aurora Swanson
	H.R. 4690 would authorize the appropriation of specific amounts totaling \$4.1 billion over the 2023–2027 period and \$0.8 billion after 2027 to mitigate damage to fish populations from climate change, overfishing, oil spills, and natural disasters. The bill also would authorize grant programs and funding assistance to fishing communities that experience economic loss from damaged fisheries. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4690 would have an insignificant effect on direct spending and no effect on revenues over the 2023–2032 period. The legislation would authorize activities that would not necessarily be covered by the authorized appropriations; thus, CBO has not estimated the full discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.										
H.R. 5444	Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.	Ordered reported	06/15/22	500	0	0	Not estimated	No	No	No	Garrett Quemerville
	H.R. 5444 would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies to study and report on the lasting effects of policies that placed American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children in boarding schools. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5444 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.										
H.R. 6438	Dearfield Study Act	Ordered reported	07/20/22	300	0	0	Not estimated	No	No	No	Madeleine Fox
	H.R. 6438 would require the Department of the Interior to study and report on the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Dearfield area in Colorado as a unit of the National Park System. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6438 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.										
H.R. 6442	PACTS Act	Ordered reported	07/13/22	300	0	0	Not estimated	No	No	No	Madeleine Fox
	H.R. 6442 would authorize the National Park Service to enter into agreements with tribal governments, public universities, public utilities, and quasi-governmental entities to cooperatively manage adjacent parks. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6442 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.										
H.R. 6799	John P. Parker House Study Act	Ordered reported	07/20/22	300	0	0	Not estimated	No	No	No	Madeleine Fox

H.R. 7496	Ordered reported	07/13/22	300	0	0	Not estimated	No	No	No	Madeline Fox
<p>H.R. 6799 would require the Department of the Interior to study and report on the suitability and feasibility of establishing the John P. Parker House in Ohio as a unit of the National Park System. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6799 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.</p> <p>Interior to install a plaque at the peak of Ram Head in the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John, United States Virgin Islands, to commemorate the slave rebellion that began on St. John in 1733.</p> <p>H.R. 7496 would direct the Department of the Interior to install a plaque at the peak of Ram Head in the United States Virgin Islands commemorating the 1733 slave rebellion. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 7496 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs of implementing the bill. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.</p>											

The Committee adopts as its own any finalized additional materials of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office regarding the bill, should such materials be made available before House passage of the bill.

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 modify the boundary of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana.

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 MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (new matter is printed in italics and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 303 OF THE CANE RIVER CREOLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

SEC. 303 ESTABLISHMENT OF CANE RIVER CREOLE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to assist in the preservation and interpretation of, and education concerning, the Creole culture and diverse history of the Natchitoches region, and to provide technical assistance to a broad range of public and private landowners and preservation organizations, there is hereby established the Cane River Creole National Historical Park in the State of Louisiana

(hereinafter in titles I11 and IV of this Act referred to as the “historical park”).

(b) AREA INCLUDED.—The historical park shall consist of lands and interests therein as follows:

(1) Lands and structures associated with the Oakland Plantation as depicted on map CARI, 80,002, dated January 1994.

(2) Lands and structures owned or acquired by Museum Contents, Inc. as depicted on map CARI, 80,001A, dated May 1994.

(3) Sites that may be the subject of cooperative agreements with the National Park Service for the purposes of historic preservation and interpretation including, but not limited to, the Melrose Plantation, the Badin-Rouge site, the Cherokee Plantation, the Beau Fort Plantation, and sites within the Natchitoches National Historical Landmark District: *Provided*, That such sites may not be added to the historical park unless the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) determines, based on further research and planning, that such sites meet the applicable criteria for national historical significance, suitability, and feasibility, and notification of the proposed addition has been transmitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives.

(4) Not to exceed 10 acres of land that the Secretary may designate for an interpretive visitor center complex to serve the needs of the historical park and heritage area established in title IV of this Act.

(5) *The approximately 46.1 acres of land identified as “Proposed Addition” as generally depicted on the map entitled “Cane River Creole National Historical Park Proposed Addition - Magnolia Unit”, numbered 494/176,958, and dated October 2021.*

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.