

TO AUTHORIZE THE EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN WASHINGTON, DC, TO ESTABLISH A COMMEMORATIVE WORK IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVIRONS TO HONOR THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEAN MONNET TO RESTORING PEACE BETWEEN EUROPEAN NATIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

DECEMBER 14, 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. 6611]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6611) to authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, 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. 6611 is to authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 6611 would authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative bench in Washington, DC, 's Rock Creek Park to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet in restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, and for other purposes.

Jean Monnet was a French diplomat and entrepreneur known as a founding father of the European Union. Monnet served as a key diplomat during World War II, going to Washington on France's behalf to meet with President Franklin D. Roosevelt to negotiate a

massive aircraft purchase at the start of the war. Later, after Nazi Germany invaded France, Monnet was sent to Washington by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to negotiate with American authorities and deliver much-needed supplies for the British. English economist John Maynard Keynes stated that these efforts of Jean Monnet shortened the war by one year. During his diplomatic work in Washington, Monnet was an avid hiker in Rock Creek Park and often called it “my park.”

Pursuant to the Commemorative Works Act (P.L. 99–652; 40 U.S.C. ch. 89), the establishment and construction of any commemorative work on public land in Washington, DC, and its environs must be authorized by Congress.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 6611 was introduced on February 4, 2022, by Representative William R. Keating (D–MA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget. Within the Natural Resources Committee, the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On July 14, 2022, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On December 8, 2022, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. Chair Raúl M. Grijalva (D–AZ) offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute to incorporate edits suggested by the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission, including establishing the Government of France as the primary memorial sponsor and ensuring that the U.S. Government is not responsible for construction or maintenance costs. The amendment in the nature of a substitute 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 July 14, 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, 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:

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives announces bills that will be considered under suspension of the rules in that chamber. Under suspension, floor debate is limited, all floor amendments are prohibited, points of order against the bill are waived, and final passage requires a two-thirds majority vote.

At the request of the Majority Leader and the House Committee on the Budget, CBO estimates the effects of those bills on direct spending and revenues. CBO has limited time to review the legislation before consideration. Although it is possible in most cases to determine whether the legislation would affect direct spending or revenues, time may be insufficient to estimate the magnitude of those effects. If CBO has prepared estimates for similar or identical legislation, a more detailed assessment of budgetary effects, including effects on spending subject to appropriation, may be included.

Effects on Direct Spending and Revenues of Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules in the House of Representatives Week of December 12, 2022						
Bill Number	Title	Effect on Direct Spending	Effect on Revenue	Additional Information on Direct Spending and Revenue Effects	Link to Published Estimate	Suspension Bill Text at docs.house.gov
H.R. 1082	Sami's Law	None	Increase by Less Than \$500K			https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr1082-SUS.pdf
H.R. 2551	Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act	None	None		https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58057	https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr2551-SUS.pdf
H.R. 5715	To reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund, as amended	Increase by at least \$500K	None	Increase direct spending by \$1 million over the 2023-2032 period		https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr5715-SUS.pdf
H.R. 6427	Red River National Wildlife Refuge Boundary Modification Act, as amended	None	None			https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr6427-SUS.pdf
H.R. 6611	To authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, and for other purposes, as amended	Reduce by Less Than \$500K	None			https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr6611-SUS.pdf
H.R. 7077	Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act	None	None		https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58561	https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr7077enr-SUS.pdf
H.R. 7496	To direct the Secretary of the 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	None	None		https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58772	https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr7496-SUS.pdf
H.R. 7952	Valley Forge Park Realignment Permit and Promise Act	Reduce by Less Than \$500K	None			https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117hr7952-SUS.pdf
S. 7	A bill to make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes	None	None			https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117s7-SUS.pdf
S. 314	Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Repeal Act	None	None		https://www.cbo.gov/publication/59071	https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117s314-SUS.pdf
S. 789	RESPECT Act	None	None		https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57322	https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117s789-SUS.pdf
S. 1466	Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act	None	None			https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117s1466-SUS.pdf
S. 2991	Countering Human Trafficking Act of 2022	Increase by Less Than \$500K	None		https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57773	https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117s2991-SUS.pdf
S. 5060	Paul D. Wellstone Building Act of 2022	None	None			https://docs.house.gov/billshtml/ek/20221212/BILLS-117s5060-SUS.pdf

Source: Congressional Budget Office

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 authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union.

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

An estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act was not made available to the Committee in time for the filing of this report. The Chair of the Committee shall cause such estimate to be printed in the Congressional Record upon its receipt by the Committee, if such estimate is not publicly available on the Congressional Budget Office website.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

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

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.