

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1944

AMENDMENT

In the Senate of the United States,

July 21 (legislative day, June 30), 1993.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1944) entitled “An Act to provide for additional development at War in the Pacific National Historical Park, and for other purposes”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. FINDINGS.***

2 *Congress finds that—*

3 *(1) June 15 through August 10, 1994, marks the*
4 *50th anniversary of the Mariana campaign of World*
5 *War II in which United States forces captured the*
6 *Japanese islands of Saipan and Tinian and liberated*
7 *the United States Territory of Guam from Japan;*

8 *(2) an attack during this campaign by the Japa-*
9 *nese combined fleet, aimed at annihilating the United*
10 *States forces that had landed on Saipan, led to the*
11 *battle of the Philippine Sea, which resulted in a*

1 *crushing defeat for the Japanese by United States*
2 *naval forces and the destruction of the effectiveness of*
3 *the Japanese carrier-based airpower;*

4 *(3) the recapture of Guam liberated one of the*
5 *few pieces of United States territory that was occu-*
6 *pled by the enemy during World War II and restored*
7 *United States Government to more than 20,000 na-*
8 *tive Guamanians;*

9 *(4) units of the United States Army, Navy, Ma-*
10 *rine Corps, and Coast Guard fought with great brav-*
11 *ery and sacrifice, suffering casualties of approxi-*
12 *mately 5,700 killed and missing and 21,900 wounded*
13 *in action;*

14 *(5) United States forces succeeded in destroying*
15 *all Japanese garrisons in Saipan, Tinian, and*
16 *Guam, which resulted in Japanese military casualties*
17 *of 54,000 dead and 21,900 taken prisoner;*

18 *(6) Guamanians, notably members of the Navy*
19 *Insular Force Guard and volunteer militia, bravely*
20 *resisted the invasion and occupation of their island,*
21 *and ultimately assisted in the expulsion of Japanese*
22 *forces from Guam;*

23 *(7) at the hands of the Japanese, the people of*
24 *Guam—*

25 *(A) were forcibly removed from their homes;*

1 (B) were relocated to remote sections of the
2 island;

3 (C) were required to perform forced labor
4 and faced other harsh treatment, injustices, and
5 death; and

6 (D) were eventually placed in concentration
7 camps and subjected to retribution when the lib-
8 eration of their island became apparent to the
9 Japanese;

10 (8) the seizure of the Mariana Islands severed
11 Japanese lines of communication between Japan
12 proper and those remaining Japanese bases and forces
13 in the Central Pacific south of the Mariana Islands
14 and in the South Pacific as well;

15 (9) the Mariana Islands provided large island
16 areas on which advance bases could be constructed to
17 support further operations against Japanese posses-
18 sions and conquered territories such as Iwo Jima and
19 Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, and the south
20 China coast, and ultimately against the Japanese
21 home islands;

22 (10) the Mariana Islands provided, for the first
23 time during the war, island air bases from which
24 United States land-based airpower could reach Japan
25 itself; and

1 (11) the air offensive staged from the Mariana
2 Islands against Japanese cities and economic infra-
3 structure helped shorten the war and vitiate the need
4 for the invasion and capture of the Japanese home is-
5 lands.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

8 (1) an appropriate commemoration of the 50th
9 anniversary of the Mariana campaign should be
10 planned; and

11 (2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all
12 necessary steps to ensure that two visitors centers to
13 provide appropriate facilities for the interpretation of
14 the events described in section 1 are completed, one at
15 the War in the Pacific National Historical Park and
16 one at the American Memorial Park, before June 15,
17 1994, the beginning of the 50th anniversary of the
18 campaign.

19 **SEC. 3. WAR IN THE PACIFIC NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

20 Section 6(k) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize
21 appropriations for certain insular areas of the United
22 States, and for other purposes”, approved August 18, 1978
23 (92 Stat. 493; 16 U.S.C. 410 dd(k)), is amended by striking
24 “\$500,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$8,000,000”.

1 **SEC. 4. AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK.**

2 *Section 5(g) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize*
3 *appropriations for certain insular areas of the United*
4 *States, and for other purposes”, approved August 18, 1978*
5 *(92 Stat. 492), is amended by striking “\$3,000,000” and*
6 *inserting in lieu thereof “\$8,000,000”.*

Attest:

Secretary.