

DESIGNATION OF RICHARD J. GUADAGNO HEADQUARTERS
AND VISITORS CENTER

DECEMBER 5, 2001.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HANSEN, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3334]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3334) to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California, having considered the same, report faorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 3334 is to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Richard J. Guadagno was born on September 26, 1962, in Trenton, New Jersey. He attended Rutgers University and graduated from that institution in 1984 with dual degrees in biology and natural resources management. Richard, who was 38 years old, served with high distinction at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 17 years. During his career, he worked as a biologist, wildlife inspector and as an employee of the National Wildlife Refuge System. It was during this period that he served at the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware, the Great Swamp and Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuges in New Jersey, and the Baskett Slough and Ankeny National Wildlife Refuges in Oregon.

In March 2000, Mr. Guadagno was selected as the new manager of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Eureka, California. This Refuge was established in 1971. By all accounts, Mr.

Guadagno was doing an outstanding job of managing the Refuge which is home for more than 200 bird species, four endangered species and a diversity of wetland habitats including mudflats, eelgrass beds, sand spits, uplands, salt marsh and brackish and freshwater marsh. In addition, he had made the completion of the visitors center there a top priority to foster more public access to the Refuge and all it had to offer. Sadly, Mr. Guadagno's career was prematurely ended by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when he and 44 others perished in the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Stony Creek Township in Pennsylvania.

In her letter to Mr. Guadagno's parents, Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton wrote, "Rich was a beloved colleague to those who worked with him and a model professional whose skill and dedication were greatly admired within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is one of our nation's heroes." The Acting Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mr. Marshall Jones in a letter to all Service employees noted, "Rich was a sincere and dedicated employee, highly regarded by all who knew him, and his parents are deeply proud of his chosen career with the Fish and Wildlife Service." Finally, Ms. Anne Badgley, the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Region wrote, "Rich was one of our finest managers in the National Wildlife Refuge System and he will be solely missed."

The sponsors of this bill strongly believe that this is an appropriate recognition of the hard work and dedication of this outstanding federal employee who was tragically killed on one of the darkest days in this Nation's history.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3334 was introduced on November 16, 2001, by Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA) and 135 cosponsors and was referred to the Committee on Resources. On November 28, 2001, the full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. There were no amendments offered and the bill 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 Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. *Cost of Legislation.*—Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that Rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill pre-

pared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. *Congressional Budget Act.*—As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.*—This bill does not authorize funding and therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. *Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate.*—Under clause 3(c)(3) of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 30, 2001.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3334, a bill to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California.

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

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 3334—A bill to designate the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, California

H.R. 3334 would designate the headquarters and visitor center at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge in California as the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters and Visitors Center. Implementing this change would have no significant effect on the budget of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which administers the refuge. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3334 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

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.

