

JOHN MUIR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE EXPANSION ACT

JULY 21, 2015.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

[To accompany H.R. 1289]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1289) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend 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 “John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act”.

SEC. 2. JOHN MUIR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE LAND ACQUISITION.

(a) **ACQUISITION.**—The Secretary of the Interior may acquire by donation the approximately 44 acres of land, and interests in such land, that are identified on the map entitled “John Muir National Historic Site Proposed Boundary Expansion”, numbered 426/127150, and dated November, 2014.

(b) **BOUNDARY.**—Upon the acquisition of the land authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall adjust the boundaries of the John Muir Historic Site in Martinez, California, to include the land identified on the map referred to in subsection (a).

(c) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The land and interests in land acquired under subsection (a) shall be administered as part of the John Muir National Historic Site established by the Act of August 31, 1964 (Public Law 88-547; 78 Stat. 753; 16 U.S.C. 461 note).

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1289 is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The John Muir National Historic Site, established by Congress in 1964, is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, in Martinez, California. The historic site preserves the 14-room Italianate Victorian mansion where the naturalist and writer John Muir lived, as well as a nearby 325 acre tract of native oak woodlands and grasslands historically owned by the Muir family.

This legislation was introduced to authorize the Department of the Interior to acquire by donation approximately 44 acres to include in the John Muir National Historic Site. The acreage to be donated by the John Muir Land Trust is directly adjacent to the current property boundary and will allow for better public access to trails.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1289 was introduced on March 4, 2015, by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On June 10, 2015, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent and Congressman Bishop (R-UT) offered Amendment #1 that was adopted by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent on June 11, 2015.

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

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(1) 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)(2)(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 prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII 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:

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H.R. 1289 would expand and adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site in California to include approximately 44 acres of donated land. The bill stipulates that the land would be donated voluntarily by the Muir Heritage Land Trust and would be administered as part of the historic site.

Based on information provided by NPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1289 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Under the legislation, the additional acres could

only be acquired through donation. We estimate that annual costs to operate and maintain the new properties would be minimal because NPS does not anticipate the need for additional resources or expenditures to manage the property once it is acquired. Enacting H.R. 1289 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1289 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 Mann Burnett. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. Section 308(a) of 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. The Congressional Budget Office concludes that enactment of this bill “would not have a significant impact on the federal budget.”

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California.

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.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. The Chairman does not believe that this bill directs any executive branch official to conduct any specific rule-making proceedings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95-220, as amended by Public Law 98-169) as relating to other programs.

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.

