

TO DESIGNATE THE BRIDGE LOCATED IN BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
ON THE FOOTHILLS PARKWAY (COMMONLY KNOWN AS “BRIDGE 2”) AS
THE “DEAN STONE BRIDGE”

NOVEMBER 21, 2017.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3469]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3469) to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 3469 is to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Dean Stone was born in 1924 outside of Knoxville, Tennessee. A World War II veteran, Stone worked an astonishing 67 years with Blount County’s The Daily Times following the war, serving as the editor for nearly half that time. A lifelong advocate for Blount County and the surrounding Great Smoky Mountains, Stone chaired the Tennessee Great Smoky Mountains Park Commission for nearly 22 years, served as president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, and published eight books on the region.

This bill proposes to name Bridge 2, an 800-foot engineering marvel, after Dean Stone. The bridge is located on the Foothills Parkway, a National Parkway that traverses the foothills near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Foothills Parkway is Tennessee’s oldest unfinished highway project, and Dean Stone was a tireless advocate for the project’s completion. To quote the bill’s sponsor, John J. Duncan, Jr., “Dean Stone was one of the park’s

strongest advocates for many, many years, and there was no stronger supporter of completing the Parkway than him.”

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3469 was introduced on July 27, 2017, by Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On November 7, 2017, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent on November 8, 2017.

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 and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. 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, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 17, 2017.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 3469, a bill to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge,” as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 8, 2017.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3469 would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues., therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3469 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 3469 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,
Director.

2. 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 designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”.

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. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

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.

