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TO DESIGNATE A MOUNTAIN IN THE JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS OF THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST AS “SKY POINT”

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Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 381]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 381) to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point,” having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 381 is to designate a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point.”

BACKGROUND AND NEED

H.R. 381 honors Marine Staff Sergeant Sky Mote, who was killed in Afghanistan on August 10, 2012. The bill would designate a mountain peak in the John Muir Wilderness, under which the Mote family gathered to camp every year, as “Sky Point.”

Sky Mote enlisted in the Marine Corps upon graduation from Union Mine High School in El Dorado, California. Staff Sergeant Mote’s nine years of service included a deployment to Iraq and two deployments to Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Mote was awarded the Navy Cross, the Purple Heart, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons, and three Good Conduct Medals.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H.R. 381 was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative McClintock on January 9, 2017, and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. On January 30, 2017, the House of Representatives agreed to the bill by a voice vote. H.R. 381 was received in the Senate on January 31, 2017, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

In the 114th Congress, Representative McClintock introduced a similar measure, H.R. 979, on February 13, 2015. The Committee on Natural Resources reported the bill on April 15, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–81) and the House of Representatives agreed to the bill by voice vote on June 1, 2015. H.R. 979 was received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 2, 2015.

The measure was also included in S. 2012, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016, the House amendment to the Senate-passed S. 2012, the Energy Policy Modernization Act, which passed the House on May 25, 2016.

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources met in open business session on March 30, 2017, and ordered H.R. 381 favorably reported.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on March 30, 2017, by a voice vote of a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass H.R. 381.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Findings

Section 1 contains Congressional findings providing a narrative of Staff Sergeant Mote’s life and military heroism during battle in Afghanistan.

Section 2. Sky Point

Section 2(a) designates the mountain in the John Muir Wilderness, as described by its respective coordinates, as “Sky Point.”

Subsection (b) requires all laws, maps, and other official documentation to reference the mountain as “Sky Point.”

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of the costs of this measure has been provided by the Congressional Budget Office:

H.R. 381 designates a mountain in the John Muir Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest as “Sky Point,” as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 30, 2017.

CBO estimates that enacting this legislation 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 the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 381 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 Jeff LaFave.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 381. The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of H.R. 381, as ordered reported.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

H.R. 381, as ordered reported, does not contain any congressionally directed spending items, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Communications for H.R. 381 were not requested by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in the 115th Congress.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the bill as ordered reported.

