TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 8, 2019.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 182]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 182) to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, 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. 182 is to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission (Commission) was originally authorized in 1961 and is comprised of representatives of the six towns within the Seashore boundary, plus Barnstable County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Secretary of the Interior. The Commission was established to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or their designee, on matters relating to the development of the Seashore and specific sections of the Act establishing the Seashore.

The most recent statutory term of the Commission has expired. Since the National Seashore was created, the Commission has provided invaluable guidance to the National Park Service and given local officials and community members a voice in the management of the Seashore.
COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 182 was introduced on January 3, 2019, by Representative William R. Keating (D–MA). The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On May 22, 2019, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On September 18, 2019, 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.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of section 103(i) of H. Res. 6 of the 116th Congress—the following hearing was used to develop or consider H.R. 182: legislative hearing by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held on May 22, 2019.

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 AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act. 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 following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 27, 2019.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 182, a bill to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

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

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.
H.R. 182 would authorize the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission until September 26, 2028. The commission’s authority to operate expired on September 26, 2018. Based on the historical cost of operating the commission, CBO estimates that it would cost the National Park Service less than $500,000 to maintain the commission through fiscal year 2028. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is David Hughes. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goals and objectives of this bill is to extend the authorization for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

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.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT
This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT STATEMENT
The bill would reestablish the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission to carry out its previous functions. In reporting the bill favorably to the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources finds that these functions would be better performed by the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission than by one or more agencies or another existing advisory committee.
EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill’s purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

PUBLIC LAW 87-126

SEC. 8. (a) There is established a Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”). The Commission shall terminate September 26, 2018.

(b)(1) Six members to be appointed from recommendations made by each of the boards of selectmen of the towns referred to in section 459b of this Act, one member from the recommendations made by each such board;

(2) One member to be appointed from recommendations of the county commissioners of Barnstable County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

(3) Two members to be appointed from recommendations of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

(4) One member to be designated by the Secretary.

(c) The Secretary shall designate one member to be Chairman. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(d) A member of the Commission shall serve without compensation as such. The Secretary is authorized to pay the expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities under sections 1 to 7 of this Act upon vouchers signed by the Chairman.

(e) The Commission established by this section shall act and advise by affirmative vote of a majority of the members thereof.

(f) The Secretary or his designee shall, from time to time, consult with the members of the Commission with respect to matters relating to the development of Cape Cod National Seashore and shall
consult with the members with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 3 and 4 of this Act.

(g) No permit for the commercial or industrial use of property located within the seashore shall be issued by the Secretary, nor shall any public use area for recreational activity be established by the Secretary within the seashore, without the advice of the Commission, if such advice is submitted within a reasonable time after it is sought.

(h)(1) Any member of the Advisory Commission appointed under sections 1 to 7 of this Act shall be exempted, with respect to such appointment, from the operation of sections 281, 283, 284, and 1914 of title 18 and section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U.S.C. 99) except as otherwise specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(2) The exemption granted by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not extend-

(i) to the receipt or payment of salary in connection with the appointee’s Government service from any sources other than the private employer of the appointee at the time of his appointment; or

(ii) during the period of such appointment, and the further period of two years after the termination thereof, to the prosecution or participation in the prosecution, by any person so appointed, of any claim against the Government involving any matter concerning which the appointee had any responsibility arising out of his appointment during the period of such appointment.

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SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.