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UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE PARK ACT OF 2022

DECEMBER 7, 2022.—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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 7075]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 7075) to designate Ukrainian Independence Park in Washington, District of Columbia, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with amendments and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Ukrainian Independence Park Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE PARK.

(a) DESIGNATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The area described in paragraph (2) shall be designated as "Ukrainian Independence Park".

(2) DESCRIPTION OF AREA.—The area designated under paragraph (1) is the approximately 0.35 acres generally depicted as "Ukrainian Independence Park" on the map entitled "Ukrainian Independence Park Proposed Boundary", numbered 802/180,561, and dated June 2022.

(b) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, paper, or other record of the United States to the area or properties described in subsection (a) is deemed to be a reference to "Ukrainian Independence Park".

(c) SIGNAGE.—The Secretary of the Interior may post signs on or near Ukrainian Independence Park that include information on the importance of Ukraine's independence, freedom, and sovereignty and the solidarity between the people of Ukraine and the United States.

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill to designate the area surrounding the Taras Shevchenko Memorial in Washington, District of Columbia, as Ukrainian Independence Park, and for other purposes.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 7075 is to designate Ukrainian Independence Park in Washington, District of Columbia.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 7075 would designate the triangular area formed by 22nd Street Northwest to the east, P Street Northwest to the south, and Florida Avenue Northwest to the west, in Washington, District of Columbia as "Ukrainian Independence Park." H.R. 7075 would give the Secretary of the Interior the authority to post signs in the proposed park that include information on the importance of Ukraine's independence, freedom, and sovereignty and the solidarity between the people of Ukraine and the United States.

This land is under National Park Service (NPS) jurisdiction and contains a memorial statue of Taras Shevchenko, a 19th-century Ukrainian poet who is considered the founder of the modern written Ukrainian language. As the U.S. Department of the Interior noted in a statement about the bill, he "spent many years imprisoned for his pro-Ukrainian independence activities in Tsarist Russia."

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 7075 was introduced on March 15, 2022, by Representative Victoria Spartz (R–IN). 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 April 28, 2022, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On June 15, 2022, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R–AR) offered an amendment designated Westerman #078. The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House Rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: hearing by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held on April 28, 2022.

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, as well as clause 3(d) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Com-

mittee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 14, 2022.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 7075, the Ukrainian Independence Park Act of 2022.

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

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 7075, Ukrainian Independence Park Act of 2022
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 15, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2027	2023-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	**Mandate Effects**	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and $500,000.

H.R. 7075 would designate 0.35 acres surrounding the Taras Shevchenko Memorial in Washington, D.C., as Ukrainian Independence Park. The land is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS) and the bill would allow the agency to post signs in or near the park displaying information about Ukrainian independence.

Using information from the NPS, CBO estimates that the costs of new signage and of updating references to the park in laws, maps, or official documents would be insignificant; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Madeleine Fox. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of 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 are to designate Ukrainian Independence Park in Washington, District of Columbia.

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

According to CBO, this bill contains no unfunded mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

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

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

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.