

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PLAY RECOGNITION ACT

APRIL 2, 2024.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3250]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3250) to recognize the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 3250 is to recognize the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York.

#### BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum, located in Rochester, New York, is one of the largest toy museums in the world. Its collection houses hundreds of thousands of toys, items, and collectibles that span different eras and cultures. Born in 1897 in Rochester, New York, Margaret Woodbury Strong was an American collector most well-known for her large collection of dolls and toys. Ms. Strong traveled around the world and collected toys from a multitude of countries. Her museum, which first opened in 1968 under the name the “Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum of Fascination,” has continued to expand and grow over the past five decades. From vintage dolls and board games to interactive exhibits, visitors can immerse themselves in the rich history of play and marvel at the diverse array of toys on display. Today, the museum is over 100,000 square feet and receives over half a million visitors annually.

H.R. 3250 recognizes the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum as the “National Museum of Play,” and as the “only museum of its

kind that exists for the exclusive purpose of exploring the ways in which play encourages learning, creativity, and discovery, and how it illuminates cultural history.” The recognition as a national museum does not create a unit of the federal government and it does not obligate any taxpayer funding.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3250 was introduced on May 11, 2023, by Rep. Joseph Morelle (D–NY). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On June 22, 2023, the Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on the bill. On December 6, 2023, the Committee on Natural Resources met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on Federal Lands was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3250 by unanimous consent. The bill 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 Subcommittee on Federal Lands held on June 22, 2023.

#### SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

##### *Section 1. Short title*

##### *Section 2. Designation of National Museum of Play Recognition Act*

- Congressionally recognizes the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York as the “National Museum of Play.”
- Specifies that the Museum is not a unit of the National Park System and not eligible for federal funding.

#### 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:

<b>H.R. 3250, National Museum of Play Recognition Act</b>			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 6, 2023			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	0
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 3250 would designate the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York, as the National Museum of Play. Under the bill the facility would not be a unit of the National Park System and federal funds could not be expended for the museum because of that designation. On that basis, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3250 would have no effect on the federal budget.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Alaina Rhee. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,  
*Director, Congressional Budget Office.*

**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 recognize the Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum in Rochester, New York.

#### 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 the Congressional Budget Office, H.R. 3250 contains no unfunded mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

#### EXISTING PROGRAMS

**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 pur-

suant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95–220, as amended by Public Law 98–169) as relating to other programs.

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

As ordered reported by the Committee on Natural Resources, H.R. 3250 makes no changes in existing law.

