107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION
H. R. 5305

To authorize the disinterment from the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France, of the remains of Private First Class Alfred J. Laitres, of Island Pond, Vermont, who died in combat in France on December 25, 1944, and to authorize the transfer of his remains to the custody of his next of kin.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2002

Mr. SANDERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF DISINTERMENT AND**

4   **TRANSFER OF CUSTODY.**

5   (a) DISINTERMENT.—The Secretary of the Army and

6 the American Battle Monuments Commission shall take

1 such steps as are necessary to authorize the next of kin

2 of the late Alfred J. Laitres, of Island Pond, Vermont,

3 to disinter from the Lorraine American Cemetery in St.

4 Avold, France, the remains of Mr. Laitres, who died in

5 combat in France on December 25, 1944, while a Private

6 First Class in the United States Army.

7 (b) TRANSFER OF CUSTODY.—The Secretary of the

8 Army and the American Battle Monuments Commission

9 shall take such steps as are necessary to authorize the

10 transfer of the remains of Mr. Laitres to the custody of

11 his next of kin.

12 **SEC. 2. AGENT DESIGNATED BY NEXT OF KIN.**

13 The next of kin of Alfred J. Laitres is authorized to

14 designate an agent to act on his or her behalf pursuant

15 to section 1.

16 **SEC. 3. NO EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

17 No federal funds may be expended for the disinter-

18 ment and transfer of custody authorized in section 1.

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