

107TH CONGRESS
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S. 580

To expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To expedite the construction of the World War II memorial
in the District of Columbia.

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. EXPEDITED COMMENCEMENT BY AMERICAN
4 BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION OF CON-
5 STRUCTURE OF WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL.

6 Section 2113 of title 36, United States Code, as
7 added by section 601(a) of the Veterans Millennium
8 Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117; 113
9 Stat. 1576), is amended by adding at the end the following
10 new subsection:

1 “(i) CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTION TO COMMENCE
2 CONSTRUCTION.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Com-
3 mission shall expeditiously proceed with the construction
4 of the World War II memorial at the dedicated Rainbow
5 Pool site in the District of Columbia without regard to
6 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
7 4321 et seq.), the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C.
8 1001 et seq.), or any other law pertaining to the siting
9 or design for the World War II memorial.

10 “(2) The construction of the World War II memorial
11 by the Commission shall be consistent with—

12 “(A) the final architectural submission made to
13 the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Cap-
14 ital Planning Commission on June 30, 2000, as sup-
15 plemented on November 2, 2000; and

16 “(B) such reasonable construction permit re-
17 quirements as may be required by the Secretary of
18 the Interior, acting through the National Park Serv-
19 ice.

20 “(3) The decision to construct the World War II me-
21 morial at the dedicated Rainbow Pool site, and the deci-
22 sions regarding the design for the World War II memorial,
23 are final and conclusive and shall not be subject to further
24 administrative or judicial review.”.

