H. R. 3321

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Baltimore, Maryland, metropolitan area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2003

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

A BILL

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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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY.
- 4 (a) In General.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- 5 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,
- 6 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Baltimore,
- 7 Maryland, metropolitan area to serve the needs of veterans
- 8 and their families.

1	(b) Consultation in Selection of Site.—Before
2	selecting the site for the national cemetery established
3	under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—
4	(1) appropriate officials of the State of Mary-
5	land and local officials of the Baltimore metropolitan
6	area, and
7	(2) appropriate officials of the United States,
8	including the Administrator of General Services,
9	with respect to land belonging to the United States
10	in that area that would be suitable to establish the
11	national cemetery under subsection (a).
12	(c) Report.—Not later than 90 days after the date
13	of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
14	to Congress a report on the establishment of the national
15	cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth
16	a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the
17	costs associated with such establishment.