

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 262

To authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Angel Island Immigra-  
5        tion Station Restoration and Preservation Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        The Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) The Angel Island Immigration Station, also  
2 known as the Ellis Island of the West, is a National  
3 Historic Landmark.

4           (2) Between 1910 and 1940, the Angel Island  
5 Immigration Station processed more than 1,000,000  
6 immigrants and emigrants from around the world.

7           (3) The Angel Island Immigration Station con-  
8 tributes greatly to our understanding of our Na-  
9 tion's rich and complex immigration history.

10          (4) The Angel Island Immigration Station was  
11 built to enforce the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882  
12 and subsequent immigration laws, which unfairly  
13 and severely restricted Asian immigration.

14          (5) During their detention at the Angel Island  
15 Immigration Station, Chinese detainees carved  
16 poems into the walls of the detention barracks. More  
17 than 140 poems remain today, representing the  
18 unique voices of immigrants awaiting entry to this  
19 country.

20          (6) More than 50,000 people, including 30,000  
21 schoolchildren, visit the Angel Island Immigration  
22 Station annually to learn more about the experience  
23 of immigrants who have traveled to our shores.

24          (7) The restoration of the Angel Island Immi-  
25 gration Station and the preservation of the writings

1 and drawings at the Angel Island Immigration Sta-  
2 tion will ensure that future generations also have the  
3 benefit of experiencing and appreciating this great  
4 symbol of the perseverance of the immigrant spirit,  
5 and of the diversity of this great Nation.

6 **SEC. 3. RESTORATION.**

7 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
8 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the  
9 Interior \$15,000,000 for restoring the Angel Island Immi-  
10 gration Station in the San Francisco Bay, in coordination  
11 with the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation  
12 and the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

13 (b) **FEDERAL FUNDING.**—Federal funding under this  
14 Act shall not exceed 50 percent of the total funds from  
15 all sources spent to restore the Angel Island Immigration  
16 Station.

17 (c) **PRIORITY.**—(1) Except as provided in paragraph  
18 (2), the funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be  
19 used for the restoration of the Immigration Station Hos-  
20 pital on Angel Island.

21 (2) Any remaining funds in excess of the amount re-  
22 quired to carry out paragraph (1) shall be used solely for  
23 the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station.

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