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H. R. 6496

To require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH 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. REPORTS ON MANAGEMENT OF ARLINGTON**
4 **NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

5 (a) REPORT ON GRAVESITE DISCREPANCIES.—Not
6 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the com-
8 mittees of Congress specified in subsection (c) a report
9 setting forth an accounting of the gravesites at Arlington
10 National Cemetery, Virginia. The accounting shall—

1 (1) specify whether gravesite locations at Ar-
2 lington National Cemetery are correctly identified,
3 labeled, and occupied; and

4 (2) set forth a plan of action, including the re-
5 sources required and a proposed schedule, to imple-
6 ment remedial actions to address deficiencies identi-
7 fied pursuant to the accounting.

8 (b) GAO REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT
9 OF CONTRACTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-
13 mit to the committees of Congress specified in sub-
14 section (c) a report on the management and over-
15 sight of contracts at Arlington National Cemetery.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
17 graph (1) shall include the following:

18 (A) The number, dollar amount, and dura-
19 tion of current contracts at Arlington National
20 Cemetery over the simplified acquisition thresh-
21 old.

22 (B) The number, dollar amount, and dura-
23 tion of current contracts for automation of bur-
24 ial operations at Arlington National Cemetery,
25 including contracts relating to the Total Ceme-

1 tery Management System (TCMS), the Geo-
2 graphic Information System (GIS), the Inter-
3 ment Scheduling System (ISS), the Interment
4 Management System (IMS), and new or modi-
5 fied versions of the Burial Operations Support
6 System (BOSS) of the Department of Veterans
7 Affairs.

8 (C) An assessment of the management and
9 oversight by the Executive Director of the Army
10 National Cemeteries Program of the contracts
11 covered by subparagraphs (A) and (B), includ-
12 ing the use of and actions taken for that pur-
13 pose by the Corps of Engineers and the Na-
14 tional Capital Region Contracting Center of the
15 Army Contracting Command.

16 (D) An assessment of the actions taken by
17 the Executive Director of the Army National
18 Cemeteries Program in response to the findings
19 and recommendations of the Inspector General
20 of the Army in the report entitled “Report of
21 Investigation and Special Inspection of Arling-
22 ton National Cemetery Final Report (Case 10-
23 04)”, dated June 9, 2010.

24 (E) An assessment of the implementation
25 of the following:

1 (i) Army Directive 2010–04 on En-
2 hancing the Operations and Oversight of
3 the Army National Cemeteries Program,
4 dated June 10, 2010, including, without
5 limitation, an evaluation of the sufficiency
6 of all contract management and oversight
7 procedures, current and planned informa-
8 tion and technology systems, applications,
9 and contracts, current organizational
10 structure and manpower, and compliance
11 with and execution of all plans, reviews,
12 studies, evaluations, and requirements
13 specified in the Army Directive.

14 (ii) The recommendations and actions
15 proposed by the Army National Cemeteries
16 Advisory Commission with respect to Ar-
17 lington National Cemetery.

18 (F) An assessment of the adequacy of cur-
19 rent practices at Arlington National Cemetery
20 to provide information, outreach, and support
21 to families of individuals buried at Arlington
22 National Cemetery regarding procedures to de-
23 tect and correct current errors in burials at Ar-
24 lington National Cemetery.

1 (G) An assessment of the feasibility and
2 advisability of transferring jurisdiction of Ar-
3 lington National Cemetery and the United
4 States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National
5 Cemetery to the Department of Veterans Af-
6 fairs, and an assessment of the feasibility and
7 advisability of the sharing of jurisdiction of
8 such facilities between the Department of De-
9 fense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

10 (3) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD DE-
11 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “simplified ac-
12 quisition threshold” has the meaning provided that
13 term in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procure-
14 ment Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

15 (c) SPECIFIED COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The
16 committees of Congress specified in this subsection are—

17 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
18 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
19 Affairs, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of
20 the Senate; and

21 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
22 Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,
23 and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the
24 House of Representatives.

1 (d) REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARMY DIREC-
2 TIVE ON ARMY NATIONAL CEMETERIES PROGRAM.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army
4 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
5 gress reports on execution of and compliance with
6 Army Directive 2010–04 on Enhancing the Oper-
7 ations and Oversight of the Army National Ceme-
8 teries Program, dated June 10, 2010. Each such re-
9 port shall include, for the preceding 270 days or
10 year (as applicable), a description and assessment of
11 the following:

12 (A) Execution of and compliance with
13 every section of the Army Directive for Arling-
14 ton National Cemetery, including, without limi-
15 tation, an evaluation of the sufficiency of all
16 contract management and oversight procedures,
17 current and planned information and tech-
18 nology systems, applications, and contracts,
19 current organizational structure and manpower,
20 and compliance with and execution of all plans,
21 reviews, studies, evaluations, and requirements
22 specified in the Army Directive.

23 (B) The adequacy of current practices at
24 Arlington National Cemetery to provide infor-
25 mation, outreach, and support to families of

1 those individuals buried at Arlington National
2 Cemetery regarding procedures to detect and
3 correct current errors in burials at Arlington
4 National Cemetery.

5 (2) PERIOD AND FREQUENCY OF SUBMITTAL.—
6 A report required by paragraph (1) shall be sub-
7 mitted not later than 270 days after the date of the
8 enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter for
9 the next 2 years.

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