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# H. R. 390

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of Public Law 107–62, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2019

Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KEATING, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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the provisions of Public Law 107–62, and for other purposes.

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. ADAMS MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

4       (a) COMMISSION.—There is established a commission  
5       to be known as the “Adams Memorial Commission” (re-  
6       ferred to in this section as the “Commission”) for the pur-  
7       pose of establishing a permanent memorial to honor John  
8       Adams and his legacy as authorized by Public Law 107–  
9       62, located in the city of Washington, District of Colum-  
10      bia, including sites authorized by Public Law 107–315.

1 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall be com-  
2 posed of—

3 (1) four persons appointed by the President,  
4 not more than two of whom may be members of the  
5 same political party;

6 (2) four Members of the Senate appointed by  
7 the President pro tempore of the Senate in consulta-  
8 tion with the majority leader and minority leader of  
9 the Senate, of which not more than two appointees  
10 may be members of the same political party; and

11 (3) four Members of the House of Representa-  
12 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives in consultation with the majority leader  
14 and minority leader of the House of Representatives,  
15 of which not more than two appointees may be mem-  
16 bers of the same political party.

17 (c) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The members of the  
18 Commission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair of the  
19 Commission. The Chair and Vice Chair shall not be mem-  
20 bers of the same political party.

21 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission  
22 shall not affect its powers if a quorum is present, but shall  
23 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

24 (e) MEETINGS.—

1           (1) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 45 days  
2           after the date on which a majority of the members  
3           of the Commission have been appointed, the Com-  
4           mission shall hold its first meeting.

5           (2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—The Commission  
6           shall meet at the call of the Chair.

7           (f) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the  
8           Commission shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number  
9           of members may hold hearings.

10          (g) NO COMPENSATION.—A member of the Commis-  
11          sion shall serve without compensation, but may be reim-  
12          bursed for expenses incurred in carrying out the duties  
13          of the Commission.

14          (h) DUTIES.—The Commission shall consider and  
15          formulate plans for a permanent memorial to honor John  
16          Adams and his legacy, including the nature, location, de-  
17          sign, and construction of the memorial.

18          (i) POWERS.—The Commission may—

19                (1) make such expenditures for services and  
20                materials for the purpose of carrying out this section  
21                as the Commission considers advisable from funds  
22                appropriated or received as gifts for that purpose;

23                (2) accept gifts, including funds from the  
24                Adams Memorial Foundation, to be used in carrying

1 out this section or to be used in connection with the  
2 construction or other expenses of the memorial; and

3 (3) hold hearings, enter into contracts for per-  
4 sonal services and otherwise, and do such other  
5 things as are necessary to carry out this section.

6 (j) REPORTS.—The Commission shall—

7 (1) report the plans required by subsection (h),  
8 together with recommendations, to the President  
9 and the Congress at the earliest practicable date;  
10 and

11 (2) in the interim, make annual reports on its  
12 progress to the President and the Congress.

13 (k) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—The Federal  
14 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply  
15 to the Commission.

16 (l) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
17 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 107-62.**

19 Public Law 107-62 is amended by striking “Adams  
20 Memorial Foundation” each place it occurs and inserting  
21 “Adams Memorial Commission”.

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