

## Union Calendar No. 188

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3114

[Report No. 114-249]

To provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2015

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Additional sponsors: Ms. NORTON, Mr. HONDA, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. JONES, and Mrs. DINGELL

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 20, 2015]

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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. FINDINGS.**

4 *Congress finds the following:*

5 *(1) The Corps of Engineers and other Federal*  
6 *agencies are required to preserve and catalogue arti-*  
7 *facts and other items of national historical signifi-*  
8 *cance that are uncovered during the course of their*  
9 *work (notably under part 79 of title 36, Code of Fed-*  
10 *eral Regulations).*

11 *(2) Uncatalogued artifacts within the care of*  
12 *Federal agencies are stored in hundreds of repositories*  
13 *and museums across the Nation.*

14 *(3) In October 2009, the Corps of Engineers,*  
15 *Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management*  
16 *of Archaeological Collections, initiated the Veterans'*  
17 *Curation Program to employ and train Iraq and Af-*  
18 *ghanistan veterans in archaeological processing.*

19 *(4) The Veterans' Curation Program employs*  
20 *veterans and members of the Armed Forces in the*  
21 *sorting, cleaning, and cataloguing of artifacts man-*  
22 *aged by the Corps of Engineers.*

23 *(5) Employees of the Veterans' Curation Pro-*  
24 *gram gain valuable work skills, including computer*  
25 *database management, records management, photo-*

1 *graphic and scanning techniques, computer software*  
2 *proficiency, vocabulary and writing skills, and inter-*  
3 *personal communication skills, as well as knowledge*  
4 *and training in archaeology and history.*

5 *(6) Since 2009, a total of 241 veterans have par-*  
6 *ticipated in the Veterans' Curation Program, includ-*  
7 *ing the current class of 38 participants. Of the 203*  
8 *graduates of the program, 87 percent have received*  
9 *permanent employment in a field related to training*  
10 *received under the program or chosen to continue*  
11 *their education.*

12 *(7) Experience in archaeological curation gained*  
13 *through the Veterans' Curation Program is valuable*  
14 *training and experience for the museum, forensics,*  
15 *administrative, records management, and other fields.*

16 *(8) Veterans' Curation Program participants*  
17 *may assist the Corps of Engineers in developing a*  
18 *more efficient and comprehensive collections manage-*  
19 *ment program and also may provide the workforce to*  
20 *meet the records management needs at other agencies*  
21 *and departments, including the Department of Vet-*  
22 *erans Affairs.*

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS AND**  
2 **MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES IN CURATION**  
3 **AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

4 *Using available funds, the Secretary of the Army, act-*  
5 *ing through the Chief of Engineers, shall carry out a Vet-*  
6 *erans' Curation Program to hire veterans and members of*  
7 *the Armed Forces to assist the Secretary in carrying out*  
8 *curation and historic preservation activities.*

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