

Union Calendar No. 506

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3997

[Report No. 115-658]

To waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans demonstrations and special events at war memorials on Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2017

Mr. ROTHFUS (for himself and Ms. GABBARD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 27, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. PEARCE

APRIL 27, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 10, 2017]

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 “Free Veterans from Fees*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FEE**
7 **FOR VETERANS DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPE-**
8 **CIAL EVENTS.**

9 (a) *WAIVER.—The application fee for any special use*
10 *permit solely for a veterans demonstration or special event*
11 *at war memorials on Federal land shall be waived.*

12 (b) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

13 (1) *DEMONSTRATION; SPECIAL EVENT.—The*
14 *terms “demonstration” and “special event” have the*
15 *meaning given those terms in section 7.96 of title 36,*
16 *Code of Federal Regulations.*

17 (2) *VETERAN.—The term “veteran” has the*
18 *meaning given that term in section 101(2) of title 38,*
19 *United States Code.*

20 (3) *VETERANS DEMONSTRATION OR SPECIAL*
21 *EVENT.—The term “veterans demonstration or special*
22 *event” means a demonstration or special event whose*
23 *primary purpose is to commemorate, or honor either*
24 *a group of people because of their service as veterans*
25 *or immediate family members of veterans.*

1 (4) *WAR MEMORIAL.*—*The term “war memorial”*
2 *means any tangible object which has been erected or*
3 *dedicated to commemorate—*

4 (A) *war, conflict, victory, or peace;*

5 (B) *casualties who served in, were affected*
6 *by, or killed as a result of war, conflict, or peace-*
7 *keeping; or*

8 (C) *those who died as a result of accident*
9 *or disease while engaged in military service.*

10 (c) *APPLICABILITY.*—*This section shall apply to any*
11 *special use permit application submitted after the date of*
12 *the enactment of this Act.*

13 (d) *APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.*—*Permit ap-*
14 *plicants remain subject to all other laws, regulations, and*
15 *policies regarding the application, issuance and execution*
16 *of special use permits for a veterans demonstration or spe-*
17 *cial event at war memorials on Federal land.*

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