

Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Tom McClintock, Chairman
Hearing Memorandum

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To: All Subcommittee on Federal Lands Members

From: Majority Committee Staff— Terry Camp and Holly Baker
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x6-7736)

Hearing: Legislative hearing on **H.R. 5262 (Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney)**, To redesignate the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area as the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.
July 17, 2018, 10:00 AM; 1324 Longworth House Office Building

Summary of the Bill

H.R. 5262, introduced by Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY-18), redesignates the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area as the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

Cosponsors

Rep. Peter T. King [R-NY-02]

Witnesses

The Honorable Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress, New York's 18th district

Background

Maurice D. Hinchey, born October 27, 1938, was a public servant for the people of New York for 38 years. Hinchey was a Navy veteran and a graduate of the State University of New York. He served 17 years in the New York State Assembly. Hinchey was elected to the US House of Representatives in 1993 and served 10 terms in Congress.¹ He was an advocate for veteran's rights, among other causes. He aided in the cleanup of the Hudson River and led an investigation regarding the Love Canal landfill in upstate New York.² Maurice Hinchey passed on November 22, 2017.

¹ "Maurice Dunlea Hinchey." Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=H000627>

² "Obituary: Maurice D. Hinchey." Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Nov. 25, 2017. <http://www.post-gazette.com/news/obituaries/2017/11/25/Obituary-Maurice-D-Hinchey-Congressman-and-environmental-advocate/stories/201711250062>

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area was designated by Congress in 1996³ and stretches from New York City to Albany. A coalition of communities, non-profits, and local governments partner with the National Park Service to interpret four centuries of history in the Hudson Valley, including its important role in the American Revolution.⁴ The region also gave birth to significant developments in American architecture and art, especially landscape painting.⁵

H.R. 5262 renames the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area as the Maurice D. Hincley Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. The renaming does not modify the area's boundaries, alter any regulations, or authorize new funding.

Cost

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.

Administration Position

The Administration's position is currently unknown.

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³ Public Law 104-333 <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-104publ333/pdf/PLAW-104publ333.pdf>

⁴ "*Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.*" National Park Service. <https://www.nps.gov/hurv/index.htm>

⁵ "*About.*" Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. <http://www.hudsonrivervalley.com/about>