

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR
THE GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

APRIL 2, 2019.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. DEFAZIO, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 19]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 19) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of H. Con. Res. 19 is to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby occurs annually on the Capitol Grounds. The Soap Box Derby allows children to demonstrate their dedication, work, and creativity as they compete for trophies.

The first official All-American Soap Box Derby was held in Dayton, Ohio in 1934 and moved to Akron, Ohio the following year. The Soap Box Derby continued until the beginning of World War II, and after a break resumed in 1946. While initially the Soap Box Derby was only open to boys, in 1971 girls also began racing.

The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby is one of many local races that will qualify winning competitors to participate in the National Soap Box Derby in Ohio.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H. Con. Res. 19 in the 116th Congress.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

On February 14, 2019, H. Con. Res. 19 was introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Hoyer and eight original co-sponsors and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the Committee, H. Con. Res. 19 was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

On February 27, 2019, the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 19.

The Committee met on February 27, 2019, to consider H. Con. Res. 19, and ordered the measure to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H. Con. Res. 19. A motion to order H. Con. Res. 19 reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely

submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 19 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2019.

Hon. PETER A. DEFAZIO,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 19, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H. Con. Res. 19, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby				
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 27, 2019				
Millions of Dollars	Direct Spending	Revenues	Net Deficit Effect	Spending Subject to Appropriation
2019	0	0	0	0
2019-2024	0	0	0	0
2019-2029	0	0	0	n.a.
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects		
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	n.a.	
		Contains private-sector mandate?	n.a.	
n.a. = not applicable				

H. Con. Res. 19 would authorize the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to use the Capitol grounds on June 15, 2019, or on such a date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may jointly designate.

Because the resolution would require that the sponsors assume responsibility for all expenses and liabilities associated with the event, CBO estimates that passage of H. Con. Res. 19 would result in no cost to the federal government.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal and objective of this legislation is to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that no provision of H. Con. Res. 19 establishes or reauthorizes a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

In compliance with rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of the rule XXI.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee finds that H. Con. Res. 19 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Use of the Capitol Grounds for Soap Box Derby races

Section 1 authorizes the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association to sponsor a public event—the soap box derby races—on the Capitol Grounds on June 15, 2019, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration jointly designate.

Sec. 2. Terms and conditions

Section 2 requires the event to be free of admission charge and open to the public and arranged to not interfere with the needs of Congress. This section also makes clear the sponsor of the event shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

Sec. 3. Event preparations

Section 3 authorizes the sponsor, subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

Sec. 4. Additional arrangements

Section 4 authorizes the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board to make such additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

Sec. 5. Enforcement of restrictions

Section 5 requires the Capitol Police Board to enforce all the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Con. Res. 19 makes no changes in existing law.

