

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1927, with an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

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# H. R. 1927

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2017

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# A BILL

To amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “African American Civil  
5       Rights Network Act of 2017”.

6       **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7       The purposes of this Act are—

8               (1) to recognize—

9                       (A) the importance of the African Amer-  
10                      ican civil rights movement; and

11                     (B) the sacrifices made by the people who  
12                      fought against discrimination and segregation;  
13                      and

14               (2) to authorize the National Park Service to  
15                      coordinate and facilitate Federal and non-Federal  
16                      activities to commemorate, honor, and interpret—

17                     (A) the history of the African American  
18                      civil rights movement;

19                     (B) the significance of the civil rights  
20                      movement as a crucial element in the evolution

1 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.  
2 2000a et seq.); and

3 (C) the relevance of the African American  
4 civil rights movement in fostering the spirit of  
5 social justice and national reconciliation.

6 **SEC. 3. U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS NETWORK PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subdivision 1 of Division B of  
8 subtitle III of title 54, United States Code, is amended  
9 by inserting after chapter 3083 the following:

10 **“CHAPTER 3084—U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS**  
11 **NETWORK**

“Sec.

“308401. Definition of network.

“308402. U.S. Civil Rights Network.

“308403. Cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding.

“308404. Sunset.

12 **“§ 308401. Definition of network**

13 “In this chapter, the term ‘Network’ means the Afri-  
14 can American Civil Rights Network established under sec-  
15 tion 308402(a).

16 **“§ 308402. U.S. Civil Rights Network**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish,  
18 within the Service, a program to be known as the ‘U.S.  
19 Civil Rights Network’.

20 “(b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the  
21 Network, the Secretary shall—

22 “(1) review studies and reports to complement  
23 and not duplicate studies of the historical impor-

1 tance of the African American civil rights movement  
2 that may be underway or completed, such as the  
3 Civil Rights Framework Study;

4 “(2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-  
5 cational materials relating to the African American  
6 civil rights movement, such as handbooks, maps, in-  
7 terpretive guides, or electronic information;

8 “(3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-  
9 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide  
10 technical assistance under subsection (c); and

11 “(4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform  
12 symbol or device for the Network; and

13 “(B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol  
14 or device adopted under subparagraph (A).

15 “(c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the  
16 following elements:

17 “(1) All units and programs of the Service that  
18 are determined by the Secretary to relate to the Af-  
19 rican American civil rights movement during the pe-  
20 riod from 1939 through 1968.

21 “(2) With the consent of the property owner,  
22 other Federal, State, local, and privately owned  
23 properties that—

24 “(A) relate to the African American civil  
25 rights movement;

1           “(B) have a verifiable connection to the  
2           African American civil rights movement; and

3           “(C) are included in, or determined by the  
4           Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-  
5           tional Register of Historic Places.

6           “(3) Other governmental and nongovernmental  
7           facilities and programs of an educational, research,  
8           or interpretive nature that are directly related to the  
9           African American civil rights movement.

10 **“§ 308403. Cooperative agreements and memoranda**  
11 **of understanding**

12           “To achieve the purposes of this chapter and to en-  
13           sure effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal  
14           elements of the Network described in section 308402(c)  
15           with System units and programs of the Service, the Sec-  
16           retary may enter into cooperative agreements and memo-  
17           randa of understanding with, and provide technical assist-  
18           ance to the heads of other Federal agencies, States, units  
19           of local government, regional governmental bodies, and  
20           private entities.

21 **“§ 308404. Sunset**

22           “This program shall expire on the date that is 7 years  
23           after the date of enactment of this chapter.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters  
2 for title 54, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
3 after the item relating to chapter 3083 the following:

“3084 U.S. Civil Rights Network .....308401”.

4 **SEC. 4. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

5 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the  
6 requirements of this Act and the amendments made by  
7 this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using  
8 amounts otherwise authorized.