

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1900, with an Amendment

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

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1900

To designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2017

Mr. STIVERS (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. LATTA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TURNER, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. RENACCI, and Mr. JORDAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Veterans Me-
3 morial and Museum Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL**
5 **AND MUSEUM.**

6 (a) DESIGNATION.—Subject to the condition de-
7 scribed in subsection (b), the memorial and museum that
8 is, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, being con-
9 structed on an approximately 7-acre area on West Broad
10 Street, Columbus, Ohio, bounded by the Scioto River and
11 the Scioto Greenway, shall be designated as the “National
12 Veterans Memorial and Museum”.

13 (b) WITHDRAWAL OF DESIGNATION.—The designa-
14 tion under subsection (a) may be withdrawn no earlier
15 than five years after the date on which the museum opens
16 the public, pursuant to an Act of Congress, if the progress
17 and operation of the museum are found to be unsatisfac-
18 tory based on the report submitted under subsection (c).

19 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of the des-
21 ignation under subsection (a), the director of the
22 memorial and museum described in that subsection
23 shall submit to Congress a report on the memorial
24 and museum by not later than the date specified in
25 paragraph (2). Such report shall include each of the
26 following:

1 (A) The projected budget for the memorial
2 and museum for the five-year period beginning
3 on the date the memorial and museum is ex-
4 pected to open to the public.

5 (B) A description of the outreach con-
6 ducted by the memorial and museum to vet-
7 erans across the United States to receive input
8 about the design and contents of the memorial
9 and museum.

10 (C) A description of the process by which
11 decisions are made about the contents of the ex-
12 hibits displayed at the memorial and museum.

13 (D) A description of the organizational
14 structure of the memorial and museum.

15 (E) A copy of the bylaws and rules of the
16 memorial and museum.

17 (F) A list of any organizations or entities
18 that have accredited the memorial and museum.

19 (2) DEADLINE FOR REPORT.—The date speci-
20 fied in this paragraph is the earlier of the following
21 dates:

22 (A) The date that is 90 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act.

1 (B) The date that is 30 days before the
2 date on which the memorial and museum is
3 first open to the public.

4 (d) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The national memo-
5 rial and museum designated by subsection (a) is not a unit
6 of the National Park System, and the designation of the
7 national memorial and museum shall not be construed to
8 require Federal funds to be expended for any purpose re-
9 lated to the national memorial and museum.