Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 1702, with Amendments
(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a
new text and a new title)

116TH CONGRESS
2D Session
H. R. 1702

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for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2019

Mr. Steube (for himself, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McClintock, and Ms. Gabbard)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
Natural Resources

A BILL

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Free Veterans from
Fees Act”.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SEC. 2. WAIVER OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

FEE FOR VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENTS.

(a) WAIVER.—The application fee for any special use permit solely for a veterans’ special event at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs shall be waived.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND ITS ENVIRONS.—The term “the District of Columbia and its environs” has the meaning given that term in section 8902(a) of title 40, United States Code.

(2) GOLD STAR FAMILIES.—The term “Gold Star Families” includes any individual described in section 3.2 of Department of Defense Instruction 1348.36.

(3) SPECIAL EVENT.—The term “special events” has the meaning given that term in section 7.96 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

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

(5) VETERANS’ SPECIAL EVENT.—The term “veterans’ special event” means a special event of which the majority of attendees are veterans or Gold Star Families.
(6) **WAR MEMORIAL.**—The term “war memorial” means any memorial or monument which has been erected or dedicated to commemorate a military unit, military group, war, conflict, victory, or peace.

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

(d) **APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING LAWS.**—Permit applicants remain subject to all other laws, regulations, and policies regarding the application, issuance and execution of special use permits for a veterans’ special event at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans’ special events at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.”.