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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2020

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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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. REPLACEMENT OF BUST OF ROGER BROOKE**
2 **TANEY WITH BUST OF THURGOOD MAR-**
3 **SHALL.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) While sitting in the Capitol, the Supreme
6 Court issued the infamous Dred Scott v. Sandford
7 decision on March 6, 1857. Written by Chief Justice
8 Roger Brooke Taney, whose bust sits inside the en-
9 trance to the Old Supreme Court Chamber in the
10 Capitol, this opinion declared that African Ameri-
11 cans were not citizens of the United States and
12 could not sue in Federal courts. This decision fur-
13 ther declared that Congress did not have the author-
14 ity to prohibit slavery in the territories.

15 (2) Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney’s author-
16 ship of Dred Scott v. Sandford, the effects of which
17 would only be overturned years later by the ratifica-
18 tion of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the
19 Constitution of the United States, renders a bust of
20 his likeness unsuitable for the honor of display to
21 the many visitors to the Capitol.

22 (3) As Frederick Douglass said of this decision
23 in May 1857, “This infamous decision of the Slave-
24 holding wing of the Supreme Court maintains that
25 slaves are within the contemplation of the Constitu-
26 tion of the United States, property; that slaves are

1 property in the same sense that horses, sheep, and
 2 swine are property; that the old doctrine that slavery
 3 is a creature of local law is false; that the right of
 4 the slaveholder to his slave does not depend upon
 5 the local law, but is secured wherever the Constitu-
 6 tion of the United States extends; that Congress has
 7 no right to prohibit slavery anywhere; that slavery
 8 may go in safety anywhere under the star-spangled
 9 banner; that colored persons of African descent have
 10 no rights that white men are bound to respect; that
 11 colored men of African descent are not and cannot
 12 be citizens of the United States.”.

13 (4) While the removal of Chief Justice Roger
 14 Brooke Taney’s bust from the Capitol does not re-
 15 lieve the Congress of the historical wrongs it com-
 16 mitted to protect the institution of slavery, it ex-
 17 presses Congress’s recognition of one of the most no-
 18 torious wrongs to have ever taken place in one of its
 19 rooms, that of Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney’s
 20 Dred Scott v. Sandford decision.

21 (b) REMOVAL OF BUST OF ROGER BROOKE
 22 TANEY.—Not later than 45 days after the date of enact-
 23 ment of this Act, the Joint Committee on the Library shall
 24 remove the bust of Roger Brooke Taney that is in the Old
 25 Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol.

1 (c) REPLACEMENT WITH BUST OF THURGOOD MAR-
2 SHALL.—

3 (1) OBTAINING BUST.—Not later than 2 years
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Joint
5 Committee on the Library shall enter into an agree-
6 ment to obtain a bust of Thurgood Marshall, under
7 such terms and conditions as the Joint Committee
8 considers appropriate consistent with applicable law.

9 (2) PLACEMENT.—The Joint Committee on the
10 Library shall place the bust obtained under para-
11 graph (1) in the location in the Old Supreme Court
12 Chamber of the Capitol where the bust of Roger
13 Brooke Taney was located prior to removal under
14 subsection (b).

15 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF CERTAIN STATUES AND BUST.**

16 (a) REMOVAL.—Not later than 45 days after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Joint Committee on the
18 Library shall remove the statue of Charles Brantley
19 Aycock, the statue of John Caldwell Calhoun, the statue
20 of James Paul Clarke, and the bust of John Cabell Breck-
21 inridge from any area of the Capitol which is accessible
22 to the public.

23 (b) STORAGE OF STATUES.—The Architect of the
24 Capitol shall keep any statue and bust removed under sub-
25 section (a) in storage until the Architect and the State

1 which provided the statue or bust arrange for the return
 2 of the statue or bust to the State.

3 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS AND REMOVAL PROCEDURES FOR**
 4 **STATUES IN NATIONAL STATUARY HALL.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1814 of the Revised
 6 Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) is amended by inserting “(other
 7 than persons who served as an officer or voluntarily served
 8 in any other position in the Confederate States of America
 9 or in the military forces or government of a State while
 10 the State was in rebellion against the United States)”
 11 after “military services”.

12 (b) STATUE REMOVAL PROCEDURES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—

14 (A) IDENTIFICATION BY ARCHITECT OF
 15 THE CAPITOL.—The Architect of the Capitol
 16 shall identify all statues on display in the Cap-
 17 itol that do not meet the requirements of sec-
 18 tion 1814 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C.
 19 2131), as amended by subsection (a).

20 (B) REMOVAL BY JOINT COMMITTEE ON
 21 THE LIBRARY.—The Joint Committee on the
 22 Library shall arrange for the removal of each
 23 statue identified by the Architect of the Capitol
 24 under subparagraph (A) from the Capitol by

not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) REMOVAL AND RETURN OF STATUES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), the Architect of the Capitol shall arrange to transfer and deliver any statue that is removed under this subsection to the Smithsonian Institution.

(B) STORAGE OR DISPLAY OF STATUES.—

The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution shall follow the policies and procedures of the Smithsonian Institution, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act, regarding the storage and display of any statue transferred under subparagraph (A).

(C) STATE REQUESTS.—A statue provided for display by a State that is removed under this subsection shall be returned to the State, and the ownership of the statue transferred to the State, if the State so requests and agrees to pay any costs related to the transportation of the statue to the State.

(3) REPLACEMENT OF STATUES.—A State that

has a statue removed under this subsection shall be able to replace such statue in accordance with the

requirements and procedures of section 1814 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 2131) and section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 2132).

(4) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$5,000,000 to carry out this section, including the costs related to the removal, transfer, security, storage, and display of the statues described in paragraph (1)(A), of which—

(i) \$2,000,000 shall be made available to the Architect of the Capitol; and

(ii) \$3,000,000 shall be made available to the Smithsonian Institution.

(B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated under subparagraph (A) shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

In addition to the amounts appropriated under section 3(b)(4), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act, and any

1 amounts so appropriated shall remain available until ex-
2 pended.

3 **SEC. 5. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

4 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
5 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
6 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
7 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
8 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
9 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
10 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
11 vote on passage.

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