

Union Calendar No. 427

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1220

[Report No. 115–566]

To establish the Adams Memorial Commission to carry out the provisions
of Public Law 107–62, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. NEAL, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY 16, 2018

Additional sponsor: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 27, 2017]

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADAMS MEMORIAL COMMISSION.**

4 (a) *COMMISSION.*—*There is established a commission*
5 *to be known as the “Adams Memorial Commission” (re-*
6 *ferred to in this section as the “Commission”) for the pur-*
7 *pose of establishing a permanent memorial to honor John*
8 *Adams and his legacy as authorized by Public Law 107–*
9 *62, located in the city of Washington, District of Columbia,*
10 *including sites authorized by Public Law 107–315.*

11 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—*The Commission shall be com-*
12 *posed of—*

13 (1) *four persons appointed by the President, not*
14 *more than two of whom may be members of the same*
15 *political party;*

16 (2) *four Members of the Senate appointed by the*
17 *President pro tempore of the Senate in consultation*
18 *with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the*
19 *Senate, of which not more than two appointees may*
20 *be members of the same political party; and*

21 (3) *four Members of the House of Representatives*
22 *appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representa-*
23 *tives in consultation with the Majority Leader and*
24 *Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, of*

1 *which not more than two appointees may be members*
2 *of the same political party.*

3 (c) *CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.*—*The members of the*
4 *Commission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair of the Com-*
5 *mission. The Chair and Vice Chair shall not be members*
6 *of the same political party.*

7 (d) *VACANCIES.*—*Any vacancy in the Commission*
8 *shall not affect its powers if a quorum is present, but shall*
9 *be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.*

10 (e) *MEETINGS.*—

11 (1) *INITIAL MEETING.*—*Not later than 45 days*
12 *after the date on which a majority of the members of*
13 *the Commission have been appointed, the Commission*
14 *shall hold its first meeting.*

15 (2) *SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.*—*The Commission*
16 *shall meet at the call of the Chair.*

17 (f) *QUORUM.*—*A majority of the members of the Com-*
18 *mission shall constitute a quorum but a lesser number of*
19 *members may hold hearings.*

20 (g) *NO COMPENSATION.*—*A member of the Commission*
21 *shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed*
22 *for expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of the Com-*
23 *mission.*

24 (h) *DUTIES.*—*The Commission shall consider and for-*
25 *mulate plans for a permanent memorial to honor John*

1 *Adams and his legacy, including the nature, location, de-*
2 *sign, and construction of the memorial.*

3 (i) *POWERS.—The Commission may—*

4 (1) *make such expenditures for services and ma-*
5 *terials for the purpose of carrying out this section as*
6 *the Commission considers advisable from funds ap-*
7 *propriated or received as gifts for that purpose;*

8 (2) *accept gifts, including funds from the Adams*
9 *Memorial Foundation, to be used in carrying out this*
10 *section or to be used in connection with the construc-*
11 *tion or other expenses of the memorial; and*

12 (3) *hold hearings, enter into contracts for per-*
13 *sonal services and otherwise, and do such other things*
14 *as are necessary to carry out this section.*

15 (j) *REPORTS.—The Commission shall—*

16 (1) *report the plans required by subsection (h),*
17 *together with recommendations, to the President and*
18 *the Congress at the earliest practicable date; and*

19 (2) *in the interim, make annual reports on its*
20 *progress to the President and the Congress.*

21 (k) *APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—The Federal*
22 *Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply*
23 *to the Commission.*

24 (l) *TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate 7*
25 *years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 107-62.**

2 *Public Law 107-62 is amended by striking “Adams*
3 *Memorial Foundation” each place it occurs and inserting*
4 *“Adams Memorial Commission”.*

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