

Union Calendar No. 339

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5282

[Report No. 111-589]

To provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2010

Mr. BARROW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

Additional sponsors: Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WATSON, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. BOREN, Mr. CHILDERS, Mr. SPACE, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. ROSS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. TANNER, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. COOPER, Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. SHULER, Mr. HILL, Mr. ALTMIRE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MINNICK, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Ms. GIFFORDS

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Army Corps of Engineers and other
6 Federal agencies are required to preserve and cata-
7 logue artifacts and other items of national historical
8 significance that are uncovered during the course of
9 their work.

10 (2) Uncatalogued artifacts within the care of
11 Federal agencies are stored in hundreds of reposi-
12 tories and museums across the country.

13 (3) In October of 2009, the Army Corps of En-
14 gineers, Center of Expertise for Curation and Man-
15 agement of Archeological Collections, used
16 \$3,500,000 in temporary funds from the American
17 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to begin the
18 Veterans' Curation Program to employ and train
19 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in archaeological
20 processing.

21 (4) The Veterans' Curation Program employs
22 veterans and members of the Armed Forces in the
23 sorting, cleaning, and cataloguing of artifacts man-
24 aged by the Army Corps of Engineers.

1 (5) Employees of the Veterans' Curation Pro-
2 gram gain valuable work skills, including computer
3 database management, records management, photo-
4 graphic and scanning techniques, computer software
5 proficiency, vocabulary and writing skills, and inter-
6 personal communication skills, as well as knowledge
7 and training in archaeology and history.

8 (6) Experience in archaeological curation
9 gained through the Veterans' Curation Program is
10 valuable training and experience for the museum,
11 forensics, administrative, records management, and
12 other fields.

13 (7) Veterans' Curation Program participants
14 may assist the Army Corps of Engineers to develop
15 a more efficient and comprehensive collections man-
16 agement program and also may provide the work-
17 force to meet the records management needs at
18 other agencies and departments, including the De-
19 partment of Veterans Affairs.

20 **SEC. 2. TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS AND**
21 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES IN**
22 **CURATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

23 (a) TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.—The Chief of the
24 Army Corps of Engineers shall develop a Veterans'
25 Curation Program to hire veterans and members of the

1 Armed Forces to assist the Corps with its curation and
2 historic preservation activities.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—Begin-
4 ning in fiscal year 2010, there is authorized to be appro-
5 priated to carry out this Act \$10,000,000 for each fiscal
6 year.

7 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

8 *Congress finds the following:*

9 (1) *The Corps of Engineers and other Federal*
10 *agencies are required to preserve and catalogue arti-*
11 *facts and other items of national historical signifi-*
12 *cance that are uncovered during the course of their*
13 *work.*

14 (2) *Uncatalogued artifacts within the care of*
15 *Federal agencies are stored in hundreds of repositories*
16 *and museums across the Nation.*

17 (3) *In October 2009, the Corps of Engineers,*
18 *Center of Expertise for Curation and Management of*
19 *Archeological Collections, used \$3,500,000 in tem-*
20 *porary funds made available in the American Recov-*
21 *ery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–*
22 *5) to begin the Veterans’ Curation Program to employ*
23 *and train Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in archae-*
24 *ological processing.*

1 (4) *The Veterans' Curation Program employs*
2 *veterans and members of the Armed Forces in the*
3 *sorting, cleaning, and cataloguing of artifacts man-*
4 *aged by the Corps of Engineers.*

5 (5) *Employees of the Veterans' Curation Pro-*
6 *gram gain valuable work skills, including computer*
7 *database management, records management, photo-*
8 *graphic and scanning techniques, computer software*
9 *proficiency, vocabulary and writing skills, and inter-*
10 *personal communication skills, as well as knowledge*
11 *and training in archaeology and history.*

12 (6) *Experience in archaeological curation gained*
13 *through the Veterans' Curation Program is valuable*
14 *training and experience for the museum, forensics,*
15 *administrative, records management, and other fields.*

16 (7) *Veterans' Curation Program participants*
17 *may assist the Corps of Engineers in developing a*
18 *more efficient and comprehensive collections manage-*
19 *ment program and also may provide the workforce to*
20 *meet the records management needs at other agencies*
21 *and departments, including the Department of Vet-*
22 *erans Affairs.*

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR VETERANS AND**
2 **MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES IN CURATION**
3 **AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

4 (a) *TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.*—*The Secretary of*
5 *the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall de-*
6 *velop a Veterans' Curation Program to hire veterans and*
7 *members of the Armed Forces to assist the Secretary in car-*
8 *rying out curation and historic preservation activities.*

9 (b) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.*—*There is*
10 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—*

11 (1) *\$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;*

12 (2) *\$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;*

13 (3) *\$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;*

14 (4) *\$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2014; and*

15 (5) *\$9,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.*

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