

HR 1389

Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 25, 2007
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 19, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1079	Related bill	May 21, 2007: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 157.
110 S 798	Identical bill	Mar 7, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2805-2807)

Summary (as of Sep 24, 2007)

Star-spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act - Requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Star-spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission to plan, coordinate, and execute programs and activities commemorating the historic events that preceded and are associated with the War of 1812. Directs the Commission to: (1) encourage organizations to organize and participate in the commemoration to expand the understanding and appreciation of the significance of the War; (2) provide technical assistance to states, localities, the National Park System's units, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration; (3) coordinate and facilitate research on, publication about, and interpretation of the people and events associated with the War; (4) design, develop, and maintain a traveling exhibit that interprets the War's events; (5) ensure that the commemorations provide a lasting legacy and long-term public benefit leading to protection of the natural and cultural resources associated with the War; and (6) examine and review essential facilities and infrastructure at War sites and identify possible improvements that could enhance and maximize visitor experience at the sites.

Requires the Commission to: (1) prepare a strategic plan and annual performance plans; (2) report annually on gifts, bequests, or devises to the Commission with a value of more than \$250; and (3) submit a final report on activities, receipts, expenditures, and dispositions of any historically significant items and other properties.

Sets forth provisions concerning the Commission's membership.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2008-FY2015.

Terminates the Commission on December 31, 2015.

Requires the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior to: (1) perform an annual audit of the Commission; (2) make the results available to the public; and (3) transmit such results to specified congressional committees.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 24, 2007:** Mr. Davis (IL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 24, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10713-10716)
- **Sep 24, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1389.
- **Sep 24, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10713-10715)
- **Sep 24, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10713-10715)
- **Sep 24, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 7, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2268)
- **Mar 7, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.