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Francis G. Newlands Memorial Removal Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. (Dec 9, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2025
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4608	Identical bill	Jul 22, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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This bill directs the Department of the Interior to remove or permanently conceal the name of Francis Newlands on the grounds of the memorial fountain located at Chevy Chase Circle in the District of Columbia and take other specified actions.

Specifically, Interior must

- remove the brass plaque bearing the name *Senator Francis G. Newlands* from the grounds of the memorial fountain located at Chevy Chase Circle in the District;
- remove from the south end of the memorial fountain's face, the stone, tablet-like projection bearing the name of *Francis Griffith Newlands* and a related inscription;
- remove or permanently conceal the name *Newlands* carved into the upper face of the memorial fountain's coping stones; and
- offer the items removed to the descendants of Francis Griffith Newlands for a 60-day period, and if not claimed within that period, direct the removed items to be maintained by the National Park Service as federal property and accessioned into the Rock Creek Park museum collection.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2025:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.
- **Jul 22, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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