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H. R. 6611

[Report No. 117-625, Part I]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Additional sponsors: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. HIMES, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. KILDEE

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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. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORA-**
4 **TIVE WORK.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the United States and France share a long
7 and mutually beneficial relationship;

8 (2) the relationship between the United States
9 and France is built on a shared commitment to the
10 values of democracy, human rights, the rule of law,
11 security, and prosperity;

12 (3) France is—

13 (A) a key North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
14 tion ally; and

15 (B) an important bilateral economic part-
16 ner to the United States;

17 (4) Jean Monnet was a French diplomat who
18 played an influential role in—

19 (A) the founding of the European Union;
20 and

21 (B) restoring and maintaining peace
22 throughout Europe;

23 (5) Jean Monnet served as Deputy Secretary-
24 General of the League of Nations, the first world-

1 wide intergovernmental organization established to
2 maintain world peace;

3 (6) Jean Monnet served as Chair of the Anglo-
4 French Coordinating Committee during World War
5 II to unite British and French war efforts;

6 (7) after France surrendered to Germany on
7 June 22, 1940, Jean Monnet served on the British
8 Purchasing Commission to facilitate the production
9 and purchase of armaments for the war effort;

10 (8) Jean Monnet—

11 (A) served as an advisor to President
12 Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

13 (B) played a critical role in the United
14 States by providing necessary armaments and
15 aid to European allies during World War II;

16 (9) Jean Monnet led the development and im-
17 plementation of the Modernization and Re-equip-
18 ment Plan, which spurred economic recovery in
19 France after World War II;

20 (10) Jean Monnet co-authored the Schuman
21 Declaration—

22 (A) that—

23 (i) bound together French and Ger-
24 man industries after World War II to revi-

1 talize the European economy and ensure
2 peace; and

3 (ii) led to the establishment of the
4 European Coal and Steel Community; and

5 (B) the date of enactment of which, May
6 9, has been adopted as “Europe Day” by the
7 European Union;

8 (11) Jean Monnet served as the first president
9 of the High Authority of the European Coal and
10 Steel Community;

11 (12) Jean Monnet founded the Action Com-
12 mittee for the United States of Europe, which is rec-
13 ognized as having laid the foundation for the estab-
14 lishment of the European Union;

15 (13) on April 2, 1976, the European Council of
16 the European Union presented the first ever Hon-
17 orary Citizen of Europe award to Jean Monnet for
18 his extraordinary efforts to promote European co-
19 operation;

20 (14) in 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson
21 presented Jean Monnet with the Presidential Medal
22 of Freedom; and

23 (15) Jean Monnet—

24 (A) had a residence near Rock Creek Park
25 in Washington, DC;

1 (B) enjoyed taking long walks through
2 Rock Creek Park;

3 (C) affectionately referred to Rock Creek
4 Park as “my park”; and

5 (D) claimed that long walks through Rock
6 Creek Park helped him to think and develop
7 plans to achieve peace and unity in Europe.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) EMBASSY.—The term “Embassy” means
10 the Embassy of France in Washington, DC.

11 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Embassy may establish
15 a commemorative work on Federal land in the Dis-
16 trict of Columbia and its environs to honor the ex-
17 traordinary contributions of Jean Monnet with re-
18 spect to—

19 (A) restoring peace between European na-
20 tions; and

21 (B) establishing the European Union.

22 (2) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COM-
23 MEMORATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the
24 commemorative work under this section shall be in
25 accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United

1 States Code (commonly known as the “Commemora-
2 tive Works Act”).

3 (3) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL
4 FUNDS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Federal funds may not
6 be used to pay any expense of the establishment
7 of the commemorative work under this section.

8 (B) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EMBASSY OF
9 FRANCE IN WASHINGTON, DC.—The Embassy
10 shall be solely responsible for the acceptance of
11 contributions for, and the payment of the ex-
12 penses of, the establishment of the commemora-
13 tive work under this section.

14 (4) DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—If, on payment of all
16 expenses for the establishment of the com-
17 memorative work under this section (including
18 the maintenance and preservation amount re-
19 quired by section 8906(b)(1) of title 40, United
20 States Code), there remains a balance of funds
21 received for the establishment of the commemo-
22 rative work, the Embassy shall transmit the
23 amount of the balance to the Secretary for de-
24 posit in the account provided for in section
25 8906(b)(3) of that title.

1 (B) ON EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—If,
2 on expiration of the authority for the com-
3 memorative work under section 8903(e) of title
4 40, United States Code, there remains a bal-
5 ance of funds received for the establishment of
6 the commemorative work under this section, the
7 Embassy shall transmit the amount of the bal-
8 ance to a separate account with the National
9 Park Foundation for memorials, to be available
10 to the Secretary of the Interior or the Adminis-
11 trator of General Services, as appropriate, in
12 accordance with the process provided in para-
13 graph (4) of section 8906(b) of that title for ac-
14 counts established under paragraph (2) or (3)
15 of that section.

16 (d) DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—
17 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of com-
18 plying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
19 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
20 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
21 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
22 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
23 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
24 vote on passage.

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