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To assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to protect and interpret the history of the industrialization of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Museum of
5 Industrial History Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the economic and societal transition of the
2 United States from an agricultural age to an indus-
3 trial age, and the ongoing transformation of the
4 United States to a postindustrial society, reflect and
5 embody the fundamental spirit and ideals of the
6 United States;

7 (2) it is crucial that people in the United States
8 have the opportunity to learn—

9 (A) the history of the industrialization of
10 the United States; and

11 (B) the impact of industrialization on their
12 way of life;

13 (3) it is important to preserve the history of in-
14 dustrialization of the United States for future gen-
15 erations;

16 (4) to ensure the protection, interpretation, and
17 awareness of the history of the industrialization of
18 the United States, key structures and artifacts relat-
19 ing to the process of industrialization must be pre-
20 served and exhibited in an educational museum;

21 (5) the site of the former Bethlehem Steel
22 Plant, which is the proposed site of the National
23 Museum of Industrial History, has a particular rel-
24 evance to the preservation and awareness of the his-
25 tory of industrialization;

1 (6) on that site—

2 (A) the Bethlehem Steel Plant began oper-
3 ation in the 1850s;

4 (B) in 1853, the first commercial zinc pro-
5 duction began;

6 (C) Frederick W. Taylor conducted time
7 and motion studies that became the basis for
8 his principles of modern scientific management;

9 (D) on June 1, 1887, the modern Amer-
10 ican defense industry was born when the Navy
11 awarded the first armor plate contract to the
12 Bethlehem Iron Company;

13 (E) the steel plant produced armor plate
14 for—

15 (i) the battleships U.S.S. Maine and
16 U.S.S. Texas; and

17 (ii) other battleships, including the
18 U.S.S. Wisconsin;

19 (F) high-speed tool steel was perfected;
20 and

21 (G) in 1908, the 48 Grey Mill became the
22 first rolling mill in the United States to produce
23 large wide-flange steel beams; and

1 (7) the site contains the oldest significant re-
2 mains of bessemer steel production in the United
3 States.

4 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to assist
5 in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum
6 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania—

7 (1) to ensure the protection of historical re-
8 sources relating to industrialization; and

9 (2) to interpret the impact of industrialization
10 on the history of the United States.

11 **SEC. 3. INDUSTRIAL HISTORY INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND**
12 **MUSEUM.**

13 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the
15 interpretive center and museum to be located on the
16 western end and central core of the former Beth-
17 lehem Steel Plant Site in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

18 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 (b) ASSISTANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
21 date on which funds are first made available to carry out
22 this section, subject to the availability of appropriations,
23 the Secretary shall offer to enter into an agreement with
24 an appropriate entity under which the Secretary shall pro-

1 vide financial assistance to the entity for the development
2 and operation of the Center.

3 (c) PURPOSES OF CENTER.—The purposes of the
4 Center shall be—

5 (1) to preserve, display, and interpret historical
6 resources relating to industrialization in the United
7 States; and

8 (2) to promote other historical and cultural re-
9 sources in the region of the Center through activities
10 conducted at the Center.

11 (d) TERMS OF ASSISTANCE.—

12 (1) LIMITATIONS.—

13 (A) COVERED EXPENSES.—Financial as-
14 sistance provided under this section may be
15 used at the Center only for—

16 (i) facilities construction;

17 (ii) acquisition of contemporary tech-
18 nology to be used primarily to enhance the
19 presentation of historical information at
20 the Center; and

21 (iii) program development and imple-
22 mentation, including—

23 (I) educational program develop-
24 ment and implementation;

1 (II) curriculum design and devel-
2 opment;

3 (III) other activities directly re-
4 lating to providing programs at the
5 Center; and

6 (IV) salaries of staff carrying out
7 any activity described in subclause (I),
8 (II), or (III).

9 (B) PROHIBITED EXPENSES.—Financial
10 assistance provided under this section shall not
11 be used for—

12 (i) the acquisition of any item for the
13 museum collection of the Center;

14 (ii) administrative expenses;

15 (iii) the acquisition of technology pri-
16 marily used for administrative purposes; or

17 (iv) staff salaries for administrative
18 activities, except as provided in subpara-
19 graph (A)(iii)(IV).

20 (2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary
21 shall require each party to an agreement under sub-
22 section (b) to provide funds from non-Federal
23 sources for the purposes described in subsection (c)
24 in an amount at least equal to the amount provided

1 by the Secretary for those purposes under this sec-
2 tion.

3 (3) MAXIMUM AMOUNT; PAYMENT SCHED-
4 ULE.—

5 (A) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The total
6 amount of assistance provided by the Secretary
7 under this section shall not exceed \$25,000,000.

8 (B) PAYMENT SCHEDULE.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
10 make payments of financial assistance
11 under this section on an annual basis.

12 (ii) INITIAL PAYMENT.—The initial
13 payment under this section shall be made
14 not later than 30 days after the date on
15 which an agreement is entered into under
16 subsection (b) by the Secretary and an ap-
17 propriate entity.

18 (iii) NUMBER OF PAYMENTS.—The
19 Secretary shall make not less than 5 an-
20 nual payments under this section.

21 (e) REPORT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each calendar year dur-
23 ing the 5-year period beginning on the date on which
24 funds are first made available to carry out this sec-
25 tion, the Secretary shall submit to Congress an an-

1 nual report describing the implementation by the
2 Secretary of this section.

3 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report under paragraph
4 (1) shall include a description of—

5 (A) the current status of the development
6 of the Center;

7 (B) each project and activity funded under
8 this section during the preceding calendar year;
9 and

10 (C) the unexpended balance, if any, of
11 amounts made available to carry out this sec-
12 tion.

13 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
14 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
15 \$25,000,000 to carry out this section, to remain available
16 until expended.

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