

CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL MILITARY  
PARK IN GEORGIA

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JUNE 4, 1996.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of  
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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 848]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 848) to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**SECTION 1. INCREASE IN AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 1(c) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize and direct the National Park Service to assist the State of Georgia in relocating a highway affecting the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia", approved December 24, 1987 (101 Stat. 1442), is amended by striking "\$30,000,000" and inserting "\$51,900,000".

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL**

The purpose of H.R. 848 is to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for highway relocation around the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

**BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION**

Congress authorized Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, the first national military park, in 1890 in recognition of several important Civil War battles which occurred there.

The park is bisected by U.S. Route 27 which has a substantial impact on the park by virtue of its use as a heavy commuter road.

In 1980, the Georgia Department of Transportation proposed to upgrade this road to a 4-lane road and to pay the entire, estimated \$3.9 million cost of this upgrade. This alternative was unacceptable to the National Park Service. In 1985, the Interior Appropriations Act directed the National Park Service to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for relocation of this road around the park to the west. In 1987, Congress passed Public Law 100-211 which directed the construction of this new road and authorized \$30 million to complete the by-pass route.

The estimated cost of this project has now risen to \$51.9 million and an additional authorization of \$21.9 million is needed to complete it.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 848 was introduced on February 7, 1995, by Congressman Nathan Deal (R-GA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands. On December 7, 1995, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 848, where there was bipartisan support for the bill. The Administration testified in support of the bill, with the request that the amount of authorization be raised from \$45 million to \$51.9 million which is the latest estimate of the amount needed for the project. On April 18, 1996, the Subcommittee met to mark up H.R. 848. An amendment to increase the authorized amount from \$45 million to \$51.9 million was offered by Congressman James Hansen (R-UT) and was adopted by voice vote. The bill was then ordered favorably reported to the Full Committee. On May 16, 1996, the Full Resources Committee met to consider H.R. 848. The bill, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

#### COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands of the Committee on Resources held a hearing on H.R. 848 on December 7, 1995, and the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

#### INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee estimates that the enactment of H.R. 848 will have no significant inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

#### COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 848. How-

ever, clause 7(d) of that Rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XI

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, H.R. 848 does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the subject of H.R. 848.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 848 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, May 31, 1996.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 848, a bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

Enacting H.R. 848 would not affect direct spending or receipts. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director.*

Enclosure.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

1. Bill number: H.R. 848.

2. Bill title: A bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

3. Bill status: A ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 16, 1996.

4. Bill purpose: H.R. 848 would increase from \$30 million to \$51.9 million the amount authorized to be appropriated to assist the state of Georgia in relocating Highway 27, which affects the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

5. Estimated cost to the Federal Government:

[By fiscal year, in millions of dollars]

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
ADDITIONAL SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS						
Authorization level .....	22					
Estimated outlays .....	3	6	7	4	2	

The costs of this bill fall within budget function 400.

6. Basis of estimate: According to the National Park Service, of the \$30 million that has already been appropriated, \$28 million has been spent and the remaining \$2 million is likely to be spent over the next two years. In addition to the \$30 million that has been provided through the Park Service, this project received \$4.5 million in 1996 from National Highway System funds. Additional funding is needed to finish the project.

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes the additional \$21.9 million authorized by H.R. 848 would be appropriated for fiscal year 1997. Outlay estimates are based on historical spending rates, adjusted slightly to reflect the fact that the project is well underway. According to the National Park Service, this project would be completed within the next five years. Also, according to the Federal Highway Administration, the amount authorized by H.R. 848 is sufficient to complete the project under the Park Service's current schedule.

7. Pay-as-you-go considerations: None.

8. Estimated impact on State, local, and tribal governments: H.R. 848 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in Public Law 104-4 and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

9. Estimated impact on the private sector: This bill contains no private-sector mandates as defined in Public Law 104-4.

10. Previous CBO estimate: None.

11. Estimate prepared by: Federal Cost Estimate: Clare Doherty; State and Local Government Impact: Karen McVey; Private Sector Impact: Elliott Schwartz.

12. Estimate approved by: Robert A. Sunshine (for Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis).

#### COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

H.R. 848 contains no unfunded mandates.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Committee has received no departmental reports on H.R. 848.

#### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

**SECTION 1 OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 24, 1987**

AN ACT To authorize and direct the National Park Service to assist the State of Georgia in relocating a highway affecting the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

**SECTION 1. ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHWAY RELOCATION.**

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(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated not more than ~~【\$30,000,000】~~ *\$51,900,000* for assistance under subsection (a). Such funds shall remain available until expended.