

Union Calendar No. 428

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3747

[Report No. 107-690]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2002

Mr. INSLEE (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. WU, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Additional sponsors: Mr. WEINER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. HONDA, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. DUNN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. STARK, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California

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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; FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Memorial Study
6 Act of 2002”.

7 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) During World War II on February 19,
9 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed
10 Executive Order 9066, setting in motion the forced
11 exile of more than 110,000 Japanese Americans.

12 (2) In Washington State, 12,892 men, women
13 and children of Japanese ancestry experienced three
14 years of incarceration, an incarceration violating the
15 most basic freedoms of American citizens.

16 (3) On March 30, 1942, 227 Bainbridge Island
17 residents were the first Japanese Americans in
18 United States history to be forcibly removed from
19 their homes by the U.S. Army and sent to intern-
20 ment camps. They boarded the ferry Kehloken from
21 the former Eagledale Ferry Dock, located at the end
22 of Taylor Avenue, in the city of Bainbridge Island,
23 Washington State.

24 (4) The city of Bainbridge Island has adopted
25 a resolution stating that this site should be a Na-

1 tional Memorial, and similar resolutions have been
2 introduced in the Washington State Legislature.

3 (5) Both the Minidoka National Monument and
4 Manzanar National Historic Site can clearly tell the
5 story of a time in our Nation's history when con-
6 stitutional rights were ignored. These camps by de-
7 sign were placed in very remote places and are not
8 easily accessible. Bainbridge Island is a short ferry
9 ride from Seattle and the site would be within easy
10 reach of many more people.

11 (6) This is a unique opportunity to create a site
12 that will honor those who suffered, cherish the
13 friends and community who stood beside them and
14 welcomed them home, and inspire all to stand firm
15 in the event our nation again succumbs to similar
16 fears.

17 (7) The site should be recognized by the Na-
18 tional Park Service based on its high degree of na-
19 tional significance, association with significant
20 events, and integrity of its location and setting. This
21 site is critical as an anchor for future efforts to
22 identify, interpret, serve, and ultimately honor the
23 Nikkei—persons of Japanese ancestry—influence on
24 Bainbridge Island.

1 **SEC. 2. EAGLEDALE FERRY DOCK LOCATION AT TAYLOR**
2 **AVENUE STUDY AND REPORT.**

3 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall carry
4 out a special resource study regarding the national signifi-
5 cance, suitability, and feasibility of designating as a unit
6 of the National Park System the property commonly
7 known as the Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue and
8 the historical events associated with it, located in the town
9 of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County, Washington.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after funds are
11 first made available for the study under subsection (a),
12 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the Com-
13 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives and
14 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
15 Senate a report describing the findings, conclusions, and
16 recommendations of the study.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY.—Except as other-
18 wise provided in this section, the study under subsection
19 (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8(c) of
20 Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

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