

**Union Calendar No. 58**

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 330**

**[Report No. 108–112, Part I]**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2003

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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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Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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**AN ACT**

To further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Memorial  
3 Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DESTRUCTION OF VET-**  
5 **ERANS’ MEMORIALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 1369. Destruction of veterans’ memorials**

10 “(a) Whoever, in a circumstance described in sub-  
11 section (b), willfully injures or destroys, or attempts to in-  
12 jure or destroy, any structure, plaque, statue, or other  
13 monument on public property commemorating the service  
14 of any person or persons in the armed forces of the United  
15 States shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more  
16 than 10 years, or both.

17 “(b) A circumstance described in this subsection is  
18 that—

19 “(1) in committing the offense described in sub-  
20 section (a), the defendant travels or causes another  
21 to travel in interstate or foreign commerce, or uses  
22 the mail or an instrumentality of interstate or for-  
23 eign commerce; or

24 “(2) the structure, plaque, statue, or other  
25 monument described in subsection (a) is located on

1 property owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, the  
 2 Federal Government.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 4 at the beginning of chapter 65 of title 18, United States  
 5 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“1369. Destruction of veterans’ memorials.”.

6 **SEC. 3. HIGHWAY SIGNS RELATING TO VETERANS CEME-**  
 7 **TERIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the terms of any  
 9 agreement entered into by the Secretary of Transportation  
 10 and a State under section 109(d) or 402(a) of title 23,  
 11 United States Code, a veterans cemetery shall be treated  
 12 as a site for which a supplemental guide sign may be  
 13 placed on any Federal-aid highway.

14 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply to an  
 15 agreement entered into before, on, or after the date of the  
 16 enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate March 27, 2003.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,  
*Secretary.*

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