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# H. R. 6696

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Frank Buckles World  
5       War I Memorial Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The American Battle Monuments  
8       Commission (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the

1 “Commission”) is authorized to establish a memorial to  
2 honor members of the Armed Forces who served in World  
3 War I and to commemorate the participation of the United  
4 States in that war.

5 (b) LOCATION OF MEMORIAL.—The memorial estab-  
6 lished pursuant to this Act shall be—

7 (1) located generally on and abutting the Fed-  
8 eral land in the District of Columbia where the Dis-  
9 trict of Columbia War Memorial is currently located;  
10 and

11 (2) incorporated with the District of Columbia  
12 War Memorial.

13 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS FOR COMMEMO-  
14 RATIVE WORKS.—The establishment of the memorial shall  
15 be in accordance with chapter 89 of title 40, United States  
16 Code.

17 (d) HANDICAPPED ACCESS.—The plan, design, con-  
18 struction, and operation of the memorial pursuant to this  
19 section shall provide for accessibility by, and accommoda-  
20 tions for, the physically handicapped.

21 **SEC. 3. ADVISORY BOARD.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD.—There is hereby  
23 established a World War I Memorial Advisory Board, con-  
24 sisting of 12 members, who shall be appointed by the  
25 President from among veterans of World War I, historians

1 of World War I, and representatives of veterans organiza-  
2 tions, historical associations, and groups knowledgeable  
3 about World War I.

4 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—Members of the Board shall be  
5 appointed not later than 3 months after the date of the  
6 enactment of this Act and shall serve for the life of the  
7 Board. The President shall make appointments to fill such  
8 vacancies as may occur on the Board.

9 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD.—The Board  
10 shall—

11 (1) in the manner specified by the Commission,  
12 promote establishment of the memorial and encour-  
13 age donation of private contributions for the memo-  
14 rial; and

15 (2) upon the request of the Commission, advise  
16 the Commission on the site and design for the me-  
17 morial.

18 (d) SUNSET.—The Board shall cease to exist on the  
19 last day of the third month after the month in which the  
20 memorial is completed or the month of the expiration of  
21 the authority for the memorial under chapter 89 of title  
22 40, United States Code, whichever first occurs.

23 **SEC. 4. PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS.**

24 The Commission shall solicit and accept private con-  
25 tributions for the memorial.

1 **SEC. 5. FUND IN THE TREASURY FOR THE MEMORIAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby created in the  
3 Treasury a fund which shall be available to the Commis-  
4 sion for the expenses of establishing the memorial. The  
5 fund shall consist of—

6 (1) amounts deposited, and interest and pro-  
7 ceeds credited, under subsection (b); and

8 (2) obligations obtained under subsection (c).

9 (b) DEPOSITS AND CREDITS.—The Chairman of the  
10 Commission shall deposit in the fund the amounts accept-  
11 ed as contributions under section 4. The Secretary of the  
12 Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the  
13 proceeds from sale or redemption of, obligations held in  
14 the fund.

15 (c) OBLIGATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
16 shall invest any portion of the fund that, as determined  
17 by the Chairman of the Commission, is not required to  
18 meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in  
19 an interest bearing obligation of the United States or an  
20 obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the  
21 United States that, as determined by the Chairman of the  
22 Commission, has a maturity suitable for the fund.

23 (d) ABOLITION.—Upon the final settlement of the ac-  
24 counts of the fund, the Secretary of the Treasury shall  
25 submit to the Congress a draft of legislation (including

1 technical and conforming provisions) recommended by the  
2 Secretary for the abolition of the fund.

3 **SEC. 6. DEPOSIT OF EXCESS FUNDS.**

4       If, upon payment of all expenses of the establishment  
5 of the memorial (including the maintenance and preserva-  
6 tion amount provided for in chapter 89 of title 40, United  
7 States Code), or upon expiration of the authority for the  
8 memorial under chapter 89 of title 40, United States  
9 Code, there remains a balance in the fund created by sec-  
10 tion 5, the Chairman of the Commission shall transmit  
11 the amount of the balance to the Secretary of the Treas-  
12 ury for deposit in the account provided for in chapter 89  
13 of title 40, United States Code.

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