

# Union Calendar No. 197

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 268

**[Report No. 117-268]**

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 11, 2021

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

MARCH 9, 2022

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 11, 2021]

# **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. BOUNDARY; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**

4       *(a) BOUNDARY.—Section 3(b)(2) of the Palo Alto Bat-*  
 5       *tlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 (16 U.S.C.*  
 6       *410nnn–1(b)(2)) is amended—*

7               *(1) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as*  
 8       *follows:*

9               “(A) *IN GENERAL.—*

10               “(i) *In addition to the land described*  
 11               *in paragraph (1), the historical park shall*  
 12               *consist of—*

13               “(I) *the approximately 34 acres of*  
 14               *land, as generally depicted on the map*  
 15               *entitled ‘Palo Alto Battlefield NHS*  
 16               *Proposed Boundary Expansion’, num-*  
 17               *bered 469/80,012, and dated May 21,*  
 18               *2008; and*

19               “(II) *on the date that such land is*  
 20               *donated to the United States, the ap-*  
 21               *proximately 166.44 acres of land gen-*  
 22               *erally depicted on the map entitled*  
 23               *‘PALO ALTO BATTLEFIELD NA-*  
 24               *TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK Pro-*  
 25               *posed Boundary Addition, Fort Brown*

1                   Unit’, numbered 469/143,589, and  
2                   dated April 2018.

3                   “(ii) Before accepting any donated  
4                   land described in this subparagraph, the  
5                   Secretary shall complete a boundary study  
6                   analyzing the feasibility of adding the land  
7                   to the national historical park.

8                   “(iii) If a boundary study completed  
9                   under clause (ii) finds that acceptance of  
10                  the donated land is feasible and appro-  
11                  priate, the Secretary may accept such land  
12                  and administer the land as part of the his-  
13                  torical park after providing notice of such  
14                  finding to Congress.”; and

15               (2) in subparagraph (B)—

16                   (A) in the heading, by striking “MAP” and  
17                   inserting “MAPS”; and

18                   (B) by striking “map” and inserting  
19                   “maps”.

20               (b) *LEGAL DESCRIPTION.*—Section 3(b)(3) of the Palo  
21               Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 (16  
22               U.S.C. 410nnn–1(b)(3)) is amended by striking “after” and  
23               all that follows through “Secretary of the Interior” and in-  
24               serting “after the addition of lands to the historic park  
25               boundary, the Secretary of the Interior”.



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