

TO REDESIGNATE THE ELLIS ISLAND LIBRARY ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF  
THE ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRATION MUSEUM, LOCATED ON ELLIS ISLAND  
IN NEW YORK HARBOR, AS THE “BOB HOPE MEMORIAL LIBRARY”

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NOVEMBER 10, 2005.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the  
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Mr. POMBO, from the Committee on Resources,  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 323]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 323) to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 323 is to designate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the “Bob Hope Memorial Library.”

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Bob Hope arrived as an immigrant to Ellis Island in 1908 at the age of four. Later, he became one of the country’s greatest entertainers. H.R. 323 renames the library on the third floor of the immigration station museum for Mr. Hope. The Hope family is supportive of the effort to rename the library.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 323 was introduced on January 25, 2005, by Congressman Eliot L. Engel (D-NY). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks. On May 12, 2005, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On October 19, 2005, the full Committee on Resources met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged from

further consideration of the bill by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

#### COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8, and Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grant Congress the authority to enact this bill.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) 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 this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) 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 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in tax expenditures. According to the Congressional Budget Office, enactment of this bill would increase offsetting receipts and direct spending, but "any net change in direct spending would be negligible."

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. This bill does not authorize funding and therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII 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 this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

*H.R. 323—A bill to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library"*

H.R. 323 would redesignate the Ellis Island Library in New York as the Bob Hope Memorial Library. CBO estimates that implementing this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Changing the name of the library, which is managed by the National Park Service (NPS) as part of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, would have no effect on this facility's operations. We expect that one-time costs to revise NPS brochures, maps, and signs would be minimal because most such revisions would take place in conjunction with scheduled reprinting and other routine

maintenance. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 323 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 323 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.

