

TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO DESIGNATE THE
PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON BIRTHPLACE HOME IN
HOPE, ARKANSAS, AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AND UNIT OF THE NA-
TIONAL PARK SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

DECEMBER 6, 2005.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. POMBO, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4192]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4192) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, 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. 4192 is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and a unit of the National Park System.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Hope, Arkansas, is the birthplace of William Jefferson Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States. The residence on Hervey Street is currently owned and operated by the Clinton Birthplace Foundation in conjunction with the Clinton Center. The Clinton Birthplace Foundation was formed in 1993 as a non-profit corporation to serve the historic preservation opportunities in President Clinton's home state. The residence has been visited by thousands of individuals from across the Nation and around the world and was nominated and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.

The National Park Service of the Department of the Interior currently manages 32 presidential sites. H.R. 4192 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the historic site only after receiving the property via donation from the Foundation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4192 was introduced on November 1, 2005, by Congressman Mike Ross (D-AR). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks. On November 16, 2005, the Committee on Resources met to consider the bill, at which time the Subcommittee on National Parks was discharged from further consideration of the bill by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered and H.R. 4192 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, of the Constitution of the United States grants 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:

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H.R. 4192 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to designate the William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Arkansas as a national historic site if the Clinton Birthplace Foundation donates the house and related property to the federal government.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO expects that the federal government would accept donation of the Clinton home and other property in fiscal year 2006. We estimate that the costs of preparing and operating the site as a unit of the National Park System would be about \$1 million a year, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 4192 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on 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.

