

AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR
NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 348]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 348) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Book Festival, having considered the same report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

H. Con. Res. 348 is a bill authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Book Festival.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

H. Con. Res. 348 was introduced by Mr. LaTourette and Mr. Costello. The resolution authorizes use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Book Festival sponsored by the Library of Congress in cooperation with First Lady Laura Bush on September 21, 2002. The book festival is an event with special activities promoting literacy, including readings by a variety of noted authors and national celebrities. The event will also include performances by well-known artists and authors chronicling American storytelling through music such as folk, rock, jazz, and blues. The event will take place on the west front of the Capitol Grounds. The Library of Congress will work closely with the Capitol Police and the Architect of the Capitol to see that the event is in full compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol Grounds.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

No hearings were held in conjunction with ordering reported H. Con. Res. 348.

On March 20, 2002, the Full Committee met in open session and ordered reported H. Con. Res. 348, a resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Book Festival. The resolution was discharged from the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management and a motion by Mr. Costello to order H. Con. Res. 348 favorably reported to the House was agreed to by the Full Committee unanimously, by voice vote with a quorum present. There were no recorded votes taken during Committee consideration of H. Con. Res. 348.

ROLL CALL VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each roll call vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with ordering H. Con. Res. 348 reported.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee references the report of the Congressional Budget Office included below.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the bill contains no measure that authorizes funding, so no statement of general performance and objectives for which any measure authorizes funding is required.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 348 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

H. Con. Res. 348—Authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the National Book Festival

H. Con. Res. 348 would authorize the Library of Congress, in cooperation with the First Lady to use the Capitol grounds on September 21, 2002, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may jointly designate. Because it would require that the sponsor assume responsibility for all expenses and liabilities associated with the event, CBO estimates that passage of H. Con. Res. 348 would result in no significant cost to the federal government.

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause (3)(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, committee reports on a bill or joint resolution of a public character shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the measure. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure finds that Congress has the authority to enact this measure pursuant to its powers granted under article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1994 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local or tribal law. The Committee states that H. Con. Res. 348 does not preempt any state, local or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act. (Public Law 104–1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H. Con. Res. 348 makes no changes to existing law.

