

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3320

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AN ACT

To provide assistance for the Museum of the History of
Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Support for the Mu-
3 seum of the History of Polish Jews Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Current and future generations benefit
7 greatly by visible reminders and documentation of
8 the historical and cultural roots of their society.

9 (2) It is in the national interest of the United
10 States to encourage the preservation and protection
11 of artifacts associated with the heritage of United
12 States citizens who trace their forbearers to other
13 countries and to encourage the collection and dis-
14 semination of knowledge about that heritage.

15 (3) According to the 2000 United States Cen-
16 sus, nearly 9,000,000 Americans are of Polish an-
17 cestry.

18 (4) At the beginning of World War II, Poland
19 had the largest Jewish population in Europe.

20 (5) In 1996, Yeshayahu Weinberg, a founding
21 director of Tel Aviv’s Diaspora Museum and the
22 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, created
23 an international team of experts with the goal of es-
24 tablishing a Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

25 (6) The Museum of the History of Polish Jews
26 will preserve and present the history of the Jewish

1 people in Poland and the wealth of their culture
2 spanning a period of 1,000 years.

3 (7) In 1997, the City of Warsaw donated a par-
4 cel of land, opposite the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
5 Memorial, for the explicit use for the Museum of the
6 History of Polish Jews.

7 (8) In 2005, the Government of Poland and the
8 City of Warsaw agreed to provide 40,000,000 Polish
9 zlotys for the construction of the Museum of the
10 History of Polish Jews.

11 (9) In 2005, an international architectural com-
12 petition selected a Finnish firm to design the build-
13 ing for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

14 (10) In 2006, the building for the Museum of
15 the History of Polish Jews moved into the last phase
16 of project design.

17 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR THE MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY**
18 **OF POLISH JEWS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Assistance provided by the Bu-
20 reau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Depart-
21 ment of State shall be made available to assist in the de-
22 velopment of the permanent collection of the Museum of
23 the History of Polish Jews.

24 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSISTANCE.—To carry out
25 the purposes of subsection (a), the Secretary of State is

1 authorized to provide \$5,000,000, which shall remain
2 available until expended, to the Museum for the History
3 of Polish Jews.

Passed the House of Representatives November 14,
2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.