

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1944

AMENDMENT
TO
SENATE AMENDMENT

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

November 21, 1993.

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1944) entitled “An Act to provide for additional development at War in the Pacific National Historical Park, and for other purposes”, with the following

AMENDMENT:

In lieu of the matter inserted by said amendment, insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. FINDINGS.***

2 *Congress finds that—*

3 *(1) June 15 through August 10, 1994, marks the*
4 *50th anniversary of the Mariana campaign of World*
5 *War II in which American forces captured the islands*
6 *of Saipan and Tinian in the Northern Marianas and*
7 *liberated the United States Territory of Guam from*
8 *Japanese occupation;*

9 *(2) an attack during this campaign by the Japa-*
10 *nese Imperial fleet, aimed at countering the American*
11 *forces that had landed on Saipan, led to the battle of*
12 *the Philippine Sea, which resulted in a crushing de-*
13 *feat for the Japanese by United States naval forces*

1 *and the destruction of the effectiveness of the Japanese*
2 *carrier-based airpower;*

3 (3) *the recapture of Guam liberated one of the*
4 *few pieces of United States territory that was occu-*
5 *pled for two and one-half years by the enemy during*
6 *World War II and restored freedom to the indigenous*
7 *Chamorros on Guam who suffered as a result of the*
8 *Japanese occupation;*

9 (4) *Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast*
10 *Guard units distinguished themselves with their he-*
11 *roic bravery and sacrifice;*

12 (5) *the Guam Insular Force Guard, the Guam*
13 *militia, and the people of Guam earned the highest*
14 *respect for their defense of the island during the Jap-*
15 *anese invasion and their resistance during the occu-*
16 *pation; their assistance to the American forces as*
17 *scouts for the American invasion was invaluable; and*
18 *their role, as members of the Guam Combat Patrol,*
19 *was instrumental in seeking out the remaining Japa-*
20 *nese forces and restoring peace to the island;*

21 (6) *during the occupation, the people of Guam—*

22 (A) *were forcibly removed from their homes;*

23 (B) *were relocated to remote sections of the*
24 *island;*

1 (C) were required to perform forced labor
2 and faced other harsh treatment, injustices, and
3 death; and

4 (D) were placed in concentration camps
5 when the American invasion became imminent
6 and were brutalized by their occupiers when the
7 liberation of Guam became apparent to the Jap-
8 anese;

9 (7) the liberation of the Mariana Islands marked
10 a pivotal point in the Pacific war and led to the
11 American victories at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Phil-
12 ippines, Taiwan, and the south China coast, and ulti-
13 mately against the Japanese home islands;

14 (8) the Mariana Islands of Guam, Saipan, and
15 Tinian provided, for the first time during the war,
16 air bases which allowed land-based American bombers
17 to reach strategic targets in Japan; and

18 (9) the air offensive conducted from the Mari-
19 anas against the Japanese war-making capability
20 helped shorten the war and ultimately reduced the toll
21 of lives to secure peace in the Pacific.

22 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

23 It is the sense of Congress that—

24 (1) an appropriate commemoration of the 50th
25 anniversary of the Mariana campaign should be

1 *planned by the United States in conjunction with the*
2 *Government of Guam and the Government of the*
3 *Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;*

4 *(2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all*
5 *necessary steps to ensure that appropriate visitor fa-*
6 *cilities at War in the Pacific National Historical*
7 *Park on Guam are expeditiously developed and con-*
8 *structed; and*

9 *(3) the Secretary of the Interior should take all*
10 *necessary steps to ensure that the monument ref-*
11 *erenced in section 3(b) is completed before July 21,*
12 *1994, for the 50th anniversary commemoration, to*
13 *provide adequate historical interpretation of the*
14 *events described in section 1.*

15 **SEC. 3. WAR IN THE PACIFIC NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

16 *(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-*
17 *section (k) of section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to author-*
18 *ize appropriations for certain insular areas of the United*
19 *States, and for other purposes”, approved August 18, 1978*
20 *(92 Stat. 493; 16 U.S.C. 410dd) is amended by striking*
21 *“\$500,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.*

22 *(b) DEVELOPMENT.—Section 6 is further amended by*
23 *adding at the end the following subsections:*

24 *“(l) Within the boundaries of the park, the Secretary*
25 *is authorized to construct a monument which shall com-*

1 *memorate the loyalty of the people of Guam and the herosim*
2 *of the American forces that liberated Guam.*

3 “(m) *Within the boundaries of the park, the Secretary*
4 *is authorized to implement programs to interpret experi-*
5 *ences of the people of Guam during World War II, includ-*
6 *ing, but not limited to, oral histories of those people of*
7 *Guam who experienced the occupation.*

8 “(n) *Within six months after the date of enactment of*
9 *this subsection, the Secretary, through the Director of the*
10 *National Park Service, shall develop and transmit to the*
11 *Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate*
12 *and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of*
13 *Representatives a report containing updated cost estimates*
14 *for the development of the park. Further, this report shall*
15 *contain a general plan to implement subsections (l) and*
16 *(m), including, at a minimum, cost estimates for the design*
17 *and construction of the monument authorized in section (l).*

18 “(o) *The Secretary may take such steps as may be nec-*
19 *essary to preserve and protect various World War II vintage*
20 *weapons and fortifications which exist within the bound-*
21 *aries of the park.”.*

Attest:

Clerk.