

In the Senate of the United States,

December 21, 2012.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 6364) entitled “An Act to establish a commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, to provide for the designation of memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*
3 *“World War I Centennial Commission Act”.*

4 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—*The table of contents for*
5 *this Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title, table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

Sec. 4. Establishment of World War I Centennial Commission.

Sec. 5. Duties of Centennial Commission.

Sec. 6. Powers of Centennial Commission.

Sec. 7 Centennial Commission personnel matters

Sec. 8 Termination of Centennial Commission.

Sec. 9 Prohibition on obligation of Federal funds.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 *Congress makes the following findings:*

3 *(1) From 2014 through 2018, the United States*
4 *and nations around the world will mark the centen-*
5 *ennial of World War I, including the entry of the*
6 *United States into the war in April 1917.*

7 *(2) America's support of Great Britain, France,*
8 *Belgium, and its other allies in World War I marked*
9 *the first time in United States history that American*
10 *soldiers went abroad in defense of liberty against for-*
11 *eign aggression, and it marked the true beginning of*
12 *the "American century".*

13 *(3) Although World War I was at the time called*
14 *"the war to end all wars", in fact the United States*
15 *would commit its troops to the defense of foreign*
16 *lands 3 more times in the 20th century.*

17 *(4) More than 4,000,000 men and women from*
18 *the United States served in uniform during World*
19 *War I, among them 2 future presidents, Harry S.*
20 *Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Two million in-*
21 *dividuals from the United States served overseas dur-*
22 *ing World War I, including 200,000 naval personnel*
23 *who served on the seas. The United States suffered*

1 375,000 casualties during World War I, including
2 116,516 deaths.

3 (5) The events of 1914 through 1918 shaped the
4 world, the United States, and the lives of millions of
5 people.

6 (6) The centennial of World War I offers an op-
7 portunity for people in the United States to learn
8 about and commemorate the sacrifices of their prede-
9 cessors.

10 (7) Commemorative programs, activities, and
11 sites allow people in the United States to learn about
12 the history of World War I, the United States involve-
13 ment in that war, and the war's effects on the re-
14 mainder of the 20th century, and to commemorate
15 and honor the participation of the United States and
16 its citizens in the war effort.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act—

19 (1) **AMERICA'S NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MU-**
20 **SEUM.**—The term “America’s National World War I
21 Museum” means the Liberty Memorial Museum in
22 Kansas City, Missouri, as recognized by Congress in
23 section 1031(b) of the Ronald W. Reagan National
24 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Pub-
25 lic Law 108–375; 118 Stat. 2045).

1 (2) *CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.*—The term “*Centennial Commission*” means the World War I Centennial Commission established by section 4(a).

4 (3) *VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.*—The term “*veterans service organization*” means any organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL**
10 **COMMISSION.**

11 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—There is established a commission to be known as the “World War I Centennial Commission”.

14 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—

15 (1) *COMPOSITION.*—The Centennial Commission shall be composed of 12 members as follows:

17 (A) Two members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

19 (B) One member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

22 (C) Two members who shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate.

24 (D) One member who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

1 (E) Three members who shall be appointed
2 by the President from among persons who are
3 broadly representative of the people of the United
4 States (including members of the Armed Forces,
5 veterans, and representatives of veterans service
6 organizations).

7 (F) One member who shall be appointed by
8 the executive director of the Veterans of Foreign
9 Wars of the United States.

10 (G) One member who shall be appointed by
11 the executive director of the American Legion.

12 (H) One member who shall be appointed by
13 the president of the Liberty Memorial Associa-
14 tion.

15 (2) *TIME FOR APPOINTMENT.*—The members of
16 the Centennial Commission shall be appointed not
17 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of
18 this Act.

19 (3) *PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.*—Each member
20 shall be appointed for the life of the Centennial Com-
21 mission.

22 (4) *VACANCIES.*—A vacancy in the Centennial
23 Commission shall be filled in the manner in which
24 the original appointment was made.

25 (c) *MEETINGS.*—

1 (1) *INITIAL MEETING.*—

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 30 days
3 after the date on which all members of the Cen-
4 tennial Commission have been appointed, the
5 Centennial Commission shall hold its first meet-
6 ing.

7 (B) *LOCATION.*—The location for the meet-
8 ing held under subparagraph (A) shall be the
9 America's National World War I Museum.

10 (2) *SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.*—

11 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—The Centennial Commis-
12 sion shall meet at the call of the Chair.

13 (B) *FREQUENCY.*—The Chair shall call a
14 meeting of the members of the Centennial Com-
15 mission not less frequently than once each year.

16 (C) *LOCATION.*—Not less frequently than
17 once each year, the Centennial Commission shall
18 meet at the America's National World War I
19 Museum.

20 (3) *QUORUM.*—Seven members of the Centennial
21 Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser
22 number may hold hearings.

23 (d) *CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.*—The Centennial Com-
24 mission shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from among
25 its members.

1 **SEC. 5. DUTIES OF CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The duties of the Centennial Com-*
3 *mission are as follows:*

4 (1) *To plan, develop, and execute programs,*
5 *projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial*
6 *of World War I.*

7 (2) *To encourage private organizations and*
8 *State and local governments to organize and partici-*
9 *rate in activities commemorating the centennial of*
10 *World War I.*

11 (3) *To facilitate and coordinate activities*
12 *throughout the United States relating to the centen-*
13 *ennial of World War I.*

14 (4) *To serve as a clearinghouse for the collection*
15 *and dissemination of information about events and*
16 *plans for the centennial of World War I.*

17 (5) *To develop recommendations for Congress*
18 *and the President for commemorating the centennial*
19 *of World War I.*

20 (b) *REPORTS.*—

21 (1) *PERIODIC REPORT.*—*Not later than the last*
22 *day of the 6-month period beginning on the date of*
23 *the enactment of this Act, and not later than the last*
24 *day of each 3-month period thereafter, the Centennial*
25 *Commission shall submit to Congress and the Presi-*

1 *dent a report on the activities and plans of the Cen-*
2 *tennial Commission.*

3 (2) *RECOMMENDATIONS.*—*Not later than 2 years*
4 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Centen-*
5 *ennial Commission shall submit to Congress and the*
6 *President a report containing specific recommenda-*
7 *tions for commemorating the centennial of World War*
8 *I and coordinating related activities.*

9 **SEC. 6. POWERS OF CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.**

10 (a) *HEARINGS.*—*The Centennial Commission may*
11 *hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places,*
12 *take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Cen-*
13 *tennial Commission considers appropriate to carry out its*
14 *duties under this Act.*

15 (b) *POWERS OF MEMBER AND AGENTS.*—*If authorized*
16 *by the Centennial Commission, any member or agent of the*
17 *Centennial Commission may take any action which the*
18 *Centennial Commission is authorized to take under this*
19 *Act.*

20 (c) *INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.*—*The*
21 *Centennial Commission shall secure directly from any Fed-*
22 *eral department or agency such information as the Centen-*
23 *ennial Commission considers necessary to carry out the provi-*
24 *sions of this Act. Upon the request of the Chair of the Cen-*
25 *tennial Commission, the head of such department or agency*

1 shall furnish such information to the Centennial Commis-
2 sion.

3 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—Upon the
4 request of the Centennial Commission, the Administrator
5 of the General Services Administration shall provide to the
6 Centennial Commission, on a reimbursable basis, the ad-
7 ministrative support services necessary for the Centennial
8 Commission to carry out its responsibilities under this Act.

9 (e) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
11 graph (2), the Centennial Commission is author-
12 ized—

13 (A) to procure supplies, services, and prop-
14 erty; and

15 (B) to make or enter into contracts, leases,
16 or other legal agreements.

17 (2) LIMITATION.—The Centennial Commission
18 may not enter into any contract, lease, or other legal
19 agreement that extends beyond the date of the termi-
20 nation of the Centennial Commission under section
21 8(a).

22 (f) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Centennial Commission
23 may use the United States mails in the same manner and
24 under the same conditions as other departments and agen-
25 cies of the Federal Government.

1 (g) *GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND DEVISES.*—*The Centennial*
2 *Commission shall accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests,*
3 *or devises of services or property, both real and personal,*
4 *for the purpose of covering the costs incurred by the Centen-*
5 *ennial Commission to carry out its duties under this Act.*

6 **SEC. 7. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

7 (a) *COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.*—*Members of the*
8 *Centennial Commission shall serve without compensation*
9 *for such service.*

10 (b) *TRAVEL EXPENSES.*—*Each member of the Centen-*
11 *ennial Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including*
12 *per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with the ap-*
13 *plicable provisions of title 5, United States Code.*

14 (c) *STAFF.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Chair of the Centennial*
16 *Commission shall, in consultation with the members*
17 *of the Centennial Commission, appoint an executive*
18 *director and such other additional personnel as may*
19 *be necessary to enable the Centennial Commission to*
20 *perform its duties.*

21 (2) *COMPENSATION.*—

22 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to subparagraph*
23 *(B), the Chair of the Centennial Commission*
24 *may fix the compensation of the executive direc-*

1 *tor and any other personnel appointed under*
2 *paragraph (1).*

3 *(B) LIMITATION.—The Chair of the Centen-*
4 *ennial Commission may not fix the compensation*
5 *of the executive director or other personnel ap-*
6 *pointed under paragraph (1) at a rate that ex-*
7 *ceeds the rate of payable for level IV of the Exec-*
8 *utive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5,*
9 *United States Code.*

10 *(C) WORK LOCATION.—If the city govern-*
11 *ment for Kansas City, Missouri, and the Liberty*
12 *Memorial Association make space available in*
13 *the building in which the America's National*
14 *World War I Museum is located, the executive*
15 *director of the Centennial Commission and other*
16 *personnel appointed under paragraph (1) shall*
17 *work in such building to the extent practical.*

18 *(d) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Upon re-*
19 *quest of the Centennial Commission, the head of any Fed-*
20 *eral department or agency may detail, on a reimbursable*
21 *basis, any employee of that department or agency to the*
22 *Centennial Commission to assist it in carrying out its du-*
23 *ties under this Act.*

24 *(e) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-*
25 *TENT SERVICES.—The Chair of the Centennial Commission*

1 *may procure temporary and intermittent services under*
2 *section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code.*

3 *(f) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Gifts, bequests, and devises*
4 *of services or property, both real and personal, received by*
5 *the Centennial Commission under section 6(g) shall be the*
6 *only source of funds to cover the costs incurred by the Cen-*
7 *tennial Commission under this section.*

8 **SEC. 8. TERMINATION OF CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Centennial Commission shall*
10 *terminate on the earlier of—*

11 *(1) the date that is 30 days after the date the*
12 *completion of the activities under this Act honoring*
13 *the centennial observation of World War I; or*

14 *(2) July 28, 2019.*

15 *(b) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE*
16 *ACT.—*

17 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-*
18 *graph (2), the provisions of the Federal Advisory*
19 *Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to the ac-*
20 *tivities of the Centennial Commission under this Act.*

21 *(2) EXCEPTION.—Section 14(a)(2) of such Act*
22 *shall not apply to the Centennial Commission.*

1 **SEC. 9. PROHIBITION ON OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

2 *No Federal funds may be obligated to carry out this*

3 *Act.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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AMENDMENT