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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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THE DIRECTOR

May 25, 2001

APPROVED
MAY 28 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 1696 - Expediting the construction of the World War II
Memorial
Sponsors - Rep. Stump (R) Arizona and 29 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

June 4, 2001 - Monday

Purpose

Requires the expedited construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia, and ratifies site selection and design decisions made to date.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval (Signing statement attached)
American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)	Approval (Signing statement attached)
Commission of Fine Arts (CFA)	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval
Department of Veterans Affairs	Approval
Department of Justice	Approval (Informally)
Department of Defense	Defers (Informally)
Department of the Treasury	No objection (Informally)
National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)	No objection (Informally)
Council on Environmental Quality	No comment (Informally)
General Services Administration	No comment (Informally)

Discussion

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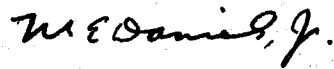
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Conclusion and Recommendations

We join the ABMC, the CFA, and the Departments of the Interior, Veterans Affairs, and Justice in recommending the approval of H.R. 1696, which originally passed the House by a vote of 400-15 and passed the Senate amended by unanimous consent. The House concurred in the Senate amendment by voice vote.

Attached for your consideration is a signing statement that is based on a draft submitted by the ABMC. The statement commends Congress for expediting the memorial's construction. The statement has been reviewed and approved by the ABMC, the NCPC, the CFA, the Departments of the Interior, Justice, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs, the General Services Administration, the Domestic Policy Council, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of White House Counsel, and this Office.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR HARRIET MIERS
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: NEIL PATEL 
STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill HR 1696 – Expediting the Construction
of the World War II Memorial

The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft and concurs.

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Clerk's —
final
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THE WHITE HOUSE,

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 5/24/01 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 5/25/01 BY 11:30Subject: ENROLLED BILL H.R. 802 - PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR ACT OF 2001

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	☒	☐	IRASTORZA	☐	☐
CARD	☒	☐	JOHNSON	☒	☐
HUGHES	☒	☐	LA MONTAGNE	☒	☐
ROVE	☒	☐	LINDSEY	☒	☐
BOLTEN	☒	☐	MIERS	☐	☐
HAGIN	☐	☒	RICE	☐	☐
DANIELS	☒	☐	HUBBARD	☒	☐
BLAKEMAN	☐	☐		☐	☐
CALIO	☒	☐		☐	☐
FLEISCHER	☐	☒		☐	☐
GONZALES	☒	☐		☐	☐
HAWKINS	☒	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

Please send your comments directly to the Staff Secretary, x62702, no later than 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2001. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 62702



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

May 24, 2001

MAY 24 PM 5:34

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 802 - Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Smith (R) Texas and 4 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

May 30, 2001 - Wednesday

Purpose

(1) Authorizes the President to award a Medal of Valor to public safety officers who display extraordinary valor; and (2) establishes a Medal of Valor Review Board to recommend award recipients to the Attorney General.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Justice

Approval

Department of Defense

Approval (Informally)

Department of the Interior

Defers to Justice (Informally)

Office of Government Ethics

Defers to Justice (Informally)

Department of the Treasury

No comment (Informally)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

No comment (Informally)

Office of Personnel Management

No comment (Informally)

Discussion

H.R. 802 would authorize the President to award, and present in the name of Congress, a Medal of Valor to public safety officers cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of a Medal of Valor Review Board, for extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. The Public Safety Medal of Valor could be awarded after September 1, 2001, and would be "the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer." Public safety officers would include persons serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as firefighters, law enforcement officers, or emergency services officers. Law enforcement officers could include persons who serve as corrections or court officers or as civil defense officers.

H.R. 802 would establish a Medal of Valor Review Board (the Board) that would be composed of 11 members who would each serve 4-year terms. The members of the Board would be required to be individuals with knowledge and expertise, either by experience or training, in the field of public safety. Members would be appointed as follows: (1) two each by the majority and minority leaders of the Senate; (2) two each by the Speaker and the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (3) three by the President, including one each with experience in firefighting, law enforcement, and emergency services.

H.R. 802 would require the Board to meet at least twice each year. The initial meeting of the Board would have to be convened not later than 90 days after the appointment of the last member of the Board. Thereafter, the Board would be required to meet at the call of the Chairman of the Board, who would be elected by the members of the Board.

Not more than once each year, the Board would be required to present to the Attorney General the name or names of those it recommends as Medal of Valor recipients. The enrolled bill would not require the Board to select any recipients, but it could not select more than five annually. The Attorney General could in extraordinary cases increase the number of recipients in a given year. The bill would authorize the Board to conduct hearings and collect information from Federal agencies to evaluate the applications of prospective recipients. Witnesses requested to appear before the Board could be paid, from funds appropriated to the Board, the same fees as are paid to witnesses at U.S. Courts. The Board would be required to consult with the Institute of Heraldry within the Department of Defense regarding the design and artistry of the Medal of Valor. The Board could also consider suggestions received by the Department of Justice regarding the design of the medal, including suggestions made by persons who are not Department employees.

H.R. 802 would establish within the Department of Justice a National Medal of Valor Office to provide staff support to the Board in order to establish criteria and procedures for the submission of recommendations of nominees for the Medal of Valor and for the final design of the medal. The enrolled bill would require the Board to select candidates as recipients of the Medal of Valor from among applications received by the National Medal of Valor Office.

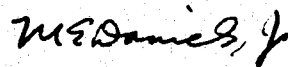
H.R. 802 would authorize appropriations of such sums as may be necessary to the Attorney General to carry out the provisions of the bill. The bill would require each member of the Board to be compensated at a per diem rate equivalent to the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule (\$125,700) for each day he or she is performing the duties of the Board. Members of the Board who are officers or employees of the United States, a State, or a local government could not receive any compensation in addition to that received for those services.

H.R. 802 would repeal a provision in the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 which authorizes the President to present a "President's Award for Outstanding Public Safety Service." According to the House committee report on H.R. 802, the intent of the repeal is to "replace that earlier attempt by Congress to create a national medal for law enforcement." (The Federal Emergency Management Agency advises informally that no Presidential awards have been issued under this current authority.)

Conclusion and Recommendations

Justice recommends approval of the enrolled bill. In its views letter, Justice states that the enrolled bill "would provide appropriate and well-deserved recognition to public safety officers who demonstrate 'extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty.'" The Department, however, advises that "the creation by statute of a new office within the Justice Department for the purposes set forth in H.R. 802, however laudable, is unnecessary," and that providing the Attorney General discretion to assign responsibilities within an existing office or offices would have been preferable. Justice also advises that the Department's FY 2002 budget "does not include funding for this activity." This Office believes the initial costs are likely to be minimal and can be met within existing and proposed Justice resources. The need for any additional funding can be addressed during formulation of the FY 2003 budget.

We join Justice in recommending approval of H.R. 802 which passed the House by a vote of 414-0 and the Senate by unanimous consent.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosures

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 5-25-01 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 5-25-01 2:00 PMSubject: ENROLLED BILL H..R. 1696 - EXPEDITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

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RESPONSE:

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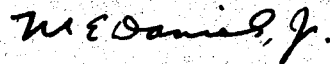
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RESPONSE:

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Harriet E. Miers
Assistant to the President
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American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)	Approval (Signing statement attached)
Commission of Fine Arts (CFA)	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval
Department of Veterans Affairs	Approval
Department of Justice	Approval (Informally)
Department of Defense	Defers (Informally)
Department of the Treasury	No objection (Informally)
National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)	No objection (Informally)
Council on Environmental Quality	No comment (Informally)
General Services Administration	No comment (Informally)

Discussion

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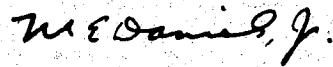
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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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Accept of our nation's Capitol.



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

MAY 23 2001

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Attention: Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Daniels:

As requested, I am writing to express the views of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on the enrolled H.R. 1696, 107th Congress, entitled "[a]n Act to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia."

H.R. 1696 would provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the World War II memorial described in plans approved by the Commission of Fine Arts on July 20, 2000, and November 16, 2000, and selected by the National Capital Planning Commission on September 21, 2000, and December 14, 2000, and in accordance with the special use permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior on January 23, 2001, shall be constructed expeditiously. The memorial would be constructed at the dedicated Rainbow Pool site in the District of Columbia in a manner consistent with such plans and permits, subject to design modifications, if any, approved in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The bill further would provide that elements of the memorial design and construction not approved as of the date of enactment shall be considered and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.). Finally, the bill would provide that the decision to locate the memorial at the designated site, the actions taken by the Commissions, and the issuance of the above-described special use permit shall not be subject to judicial review. Thus, judicial review would not be barred with respect to any subsequent actions taken with regard to the memorial.

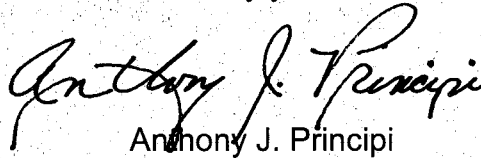
As noted in our letter of May 14, VA strongly supports the timely completion of a national memorial to honor the 16 million men and women who served during World War II. Any unnecessary delay in the memorial's construction only serves to diminish the nation's expression of gratitude for and remembrance of the sacrifices made by this generation of veterans.

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The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

The enactment of this bill is highly appropriate, and we strongly recommend the President's approval.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony J. Principi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Anthony J. Principi

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The White House,

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 5-25-01 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 5-25-01 2:00 PMENROLLED BILL H..R. 1696 - EXPEDITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORLD
Subject: WAR II MEMORIAL

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HAWKINS	☒	☐	_____	☐	☐

REMARKS:

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR COMMENTS TO THE STAFF SECRETARY, EXTENSION 62702, BY
2:00 PM. THANK YOU.

RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 62702



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THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500
2300 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201

May 23, 2001

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The American Battle Monuments Commission fully recommends that you approve and sign the enrolled bill H.R. 1696 to expedite construction of the National World War II Memorial. The World War II generation came together, changed the world, and continued to serve. It is time we express our appreciation and construct the Memorial.

A recommended signing statement is attached.

Respectfully,

John P. Herrling
Major General, USA (Ret.)
Secretary

Attachment

RECOMMENDED SIGNING STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT

Today I have signed into law H.R. 1696, a measure that directs expeditious construction of the National World War II Memorial. It is indeed fitting that this measure becomes law by [on] Memorial Day.

This important action will allow the Nation to finally express the appreciation due the World War II generation for their selfless sacrifices that preserved the freedoms we all enjoy and too often take for granted. I continue to commend the Congress for a truly bipartisan effort removing the procedural obstacles to the initiation of construction.

Now that debate over the site and basic design are concluded, it is time for all concerned with the creation of the memorial to act with the same determination and sense of common purpose so wonderfully displayed by those we honor. It is time to get the job done, and my Administration will do everything possible to help. It is more important than ever that we move quickly to begin construction so those who served are able to see the Nation's permanent expression of remembrance and thanks.

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS 17 MAY 1910

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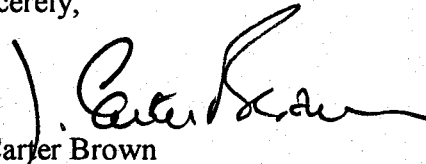
Dear Mr. President:

We are pleased to recommend your signing Enrolled Bill HR1696, which calls for the expedited construction of the World War II Memorial.

The Commission of Fine Arts has worked closely with the American Battle Monuments Commission over the past six or seven years to select a site and design of a memorial of which we can all be proud.

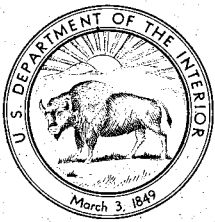
We urge you to stress at the signing that it is now time for those who have opposed this project for reasons of location and approved design to put their differences behind them and to join in an effort to complete forthwith this all-important memorial in a spirit of national unity and purpose.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
Chairman

The President of the United States
The White House



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

MAY 24 2001

Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative Resources
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This responds to your request for our views on enrolled bill H.R. 1696, a bill "To expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia."

We recommend that the President approve this enrolled bill.

Enrolled bill H.R. 1696 would require the expeditious construction of the World War II memorial described in plans approved by the Commission of Fine Arts on July 20, 2000 and November 16, 2000 and selected by the National Capital Planning Commission on September 21, 2000 and December 14, 2000. The enrolled bill would require the construction to be in accordance with the special use permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior on January 23, 2001, and would provide that any elements of memorial design not approved as of the date of enactment of the Act be considered and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Commemorative Works Act.

The need for this legislation arises from the fact that the decisions of the National Capital Planning Commission of the past two years have been placed in question because the former chairman served on the Commission after the expiration of his term. As a result, opponents of the memorial seized this opportunity to question the prior approvals of the Commission, and further delay construction of the memorial. Enrolled bill H.R. 1696 ratifies the decisions of the Commission and halts the litigation on this matter, allowing construction of the memorial to proceed. In specifically referring to the January 23, 2001 special use permit issued by the Secretary, the Congress recognizes that the memorial's construction will be timed so as to allow pruning of the tree roots of the elm trees on the site during the trees' dormant period, as provided in that permit.

Enrolled bill H.R. 1696 paves the way for the construction of this most important memorial, while keeping intact the requirements imposed by the Commission and the National Park Service. Accordingly, we recommend that the President approve this enrolled bill.

Sincerely,

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 5/24/01 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 5/25/01 BY 11:30ENROLLED BILL H.R. 802 - PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR ACT OF
Subject: 2001

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REMARKS:

Please send your comments directly to the Staff Secretary, x62702, no later than 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2001. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 62702



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

May 24, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 802 - Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001
Sponsors - Rep. Smith (R) Texas and 4 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

May 30, 2001 - Wednesday

Purpose

(1) Authorizes the President to award a Medal of Valor to public safety officers who display extraordinary valor; and (2) establishes a Medal of Valor Review Board to recommend award recipients to the Attorney General.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of Justice

Approval

Department of Defense

Approval (Informally)

Department of the Interior

Defers to Justice (Informally)

Office of Government Ethics

Defers to Justice (Informally)

Department of the Treasury

No comment (Informally)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

No comment (Informally)

Office of Personnel Management

No comment (Informally)

Discussion

H.R. 802 would authorize the President to award, and present in the name of Congress, a Medal of Valor to public safety officers cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of a Medal of Valor Review Board, for extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. The Public Safety Medal of Valor could be awarded after September 1, 2001, and would be "the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer." Public safety officers would include persons serving a public agency, with or without compensation, as firefighters, law enforcement officers, or emergency services officers. Law enforcement officers could include persons who serve as corrections or court officers or as civil defense officers.

H.R. 802 would establish a Medal of Valor Review Board (the Board) that would be composed of 11 members who would each serve 4-year terms. The members of the Board would be required to be individuals with knowledge and expertise, either by experience or training, in the field of public safety. Members would be appointed as follows: (1) two each by the majority and minority leaders of the Senate; (2) two each by the Speaker and the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (3) three by the President, including one each with experience in firefighting, law enforcement, and emergency services.

H.R. 802 would require the Board to meet at least twice each year. The initial meeting of the Board would have to be convened not later than 90 days after the appointment of the last member of the Board. Thereafter, the Board would be required to meet at the call of the Chairman of the Board, who would be elected by the members of the Board.

Not more than once each year, the Board would be required to present to the Attorney General the name or names of those it recommends as Medal of Valor recipients. The enrolled bill would not require the Board to select any recipients, but it could not select more than five annually. The Attorney General could in extraordinary cases increase the number of recipients in a given year. The bill would authorize the Board to conduct hearings and collect information from Federal agencies to evaluate the applications of prospective recipients. Witnesses requested to appear before the Board could be paid, from funds appropriated to the Board, the same fees as are paid to witnesses at U.S. Courts. The Board would be required to consult with the Institute of Heraldry within the Department of Defense regarding the design and artistry of the Medal of Valor. The Board could also consider suggestions received by the Department of Justice regarding the design of the medal, including suggestions made by persons who are not Department employees.

H.R. 802 would establish within the Department of Justice a National Medal of Valor Office to provide staff support to the Board in order to establish criteria and procedures for the submission of recommendations of nominees for the Medal of Valor and for the final design of the medal. The enrolled bill would require the Board to select candidates as recipients of the Medal of Valor from among applications received by the National Medal of Valor Office.

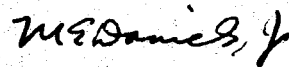
H.R. 802 would authorize appropriations of such sums as may be necessary to the Attorney General to carry out the provisions of the bill. The bill would require each member of the Board to be compensated at a per diem rate equivalent to the annual rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule (\$125,700) for each day he or she is performing the duties of the Board. Members of the Board who are officers or employees of the United States, a State, or a local government could not receive any compensation in addition to that received for those services.

H.R. 802 would repeal a provision in the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 which authorizes the President to present a "President's Award for Outstanding Public Safety Service." According to the House committee report on H.R. 802, the intent of the repeal is to "replace that earlier attempt by Congress to create a national medal for law enforcement." (The Federal Emergency Management Agency advises informally that no Presidential awards have been issued under this current authority.)

Conclusion and Recommendations

Justice recommends approval of the enrolled bill. In its views letter, Justice states that the enrolled bill "would provide appropriate and well-deserved recognition to public safety officers who demonstrate 'extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty.'" The Department, however, advises that "the creation by statute of a new office within the Justice Department for the purposes set forth in H.R. 802, however laudable, is unnecessary," and that providing the Attorney General discretion to assign responsibilities within an existing office or offices would have been preferable. Justice also advises that the Department's FY 2002 budget "does not include funding for this activity." This Office believes the initial costs are likely to be minimal and can be met within existing and proposed Justice resources. The need for any additional funding can be addressed during formulation of the FY 2003 budget.

We join Justice in recommending approval of H.R. 802 which passed the House by a vote of 414-0 and the Senate by unanimous consent.



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

Enclosures

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 5-25-01 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 5-25-01 2:00 PMSubject: ENROLLED BILL H..R. 1696 - EXPEDITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

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RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 62702



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20503

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THE DIRECTOR

May 25, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 1696 - Expediting the construction of the World War II
Memorial
Sponsors - Rep. Stump (R) Arizona and 29 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

June 4, 2001 - Monday

Purpose

Requires the expedited construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia, and ratifies site selection and design decisions made to date.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval (Signing statement attached)
American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)	Approval (Signing statement attached)
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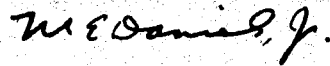
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M E Daniels, Jr." in a cursive style.

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Director

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today, I have signed into law H.R. 1696, a bill to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia. [It is indeed fitting that this measure becomes law on Memorial Day.]

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Now that debate over the site and basic design is concluded, it is time for all concerned with the creation of the memorial to act with the same determination and sense of common purpose so wonderfully displayed by those we honor. We must get the job done, so that those who served are able to see the Nation's permanent expression of remembrance and thanks.

One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and one*

An Act

To expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL SITE AND DESIGN.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the World War II memorial described in plans approved by the Commission of Fine Arts on July 20, 2000 and November 16, 2000, and selected by the National Capital Planning Commission on September 21, 2000 and December 14, 2000, and in accordance with the special use permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior on January 23, 2001, and numbered NCR-NACC-5700-0103, shall be constructed expeditiously at the dedicated Rainbow Pool site in the District of Columbia in a manner consistent with such plans and permits, subject to design modifications, if any, approved in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.

Elements of the memorial design and construction not approved as of the date of enactment of this Act shall be considered and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

SEC. 3. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

The decision to locate the memorial at the Rainbow Pool site in the District of Columbia and the actions by the Commission of Fine Arts on July 20, 2000 and November 16, 2000, the actions by the National Capital Planning Commission on September 21, 2000 and December 14, 2000, and the issuance of the special use permit identified in section 1 shall not be subject to judicial review.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 5-25-01 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 5-25-01 2:00 PM

ENROLLED BILL H.R. 1696 - EXPEDITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORLD
 Subject: WAR II MEMORIAL

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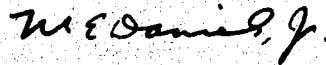
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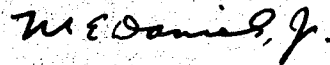
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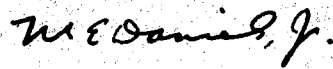
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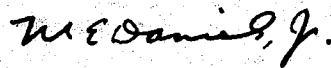
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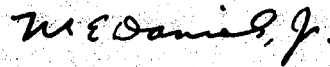
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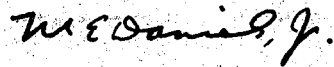
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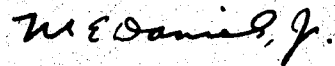
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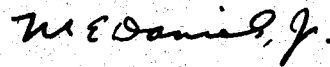
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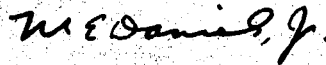
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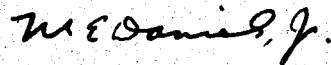
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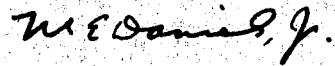
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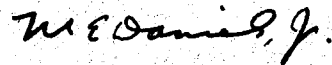
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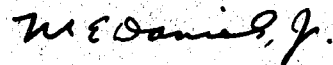
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RESPONSE:

No comments. Stuart W. Bowen.

Harriet E. Miers
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THE DIRECTOR

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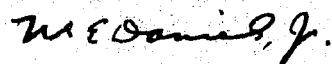
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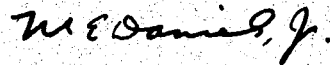
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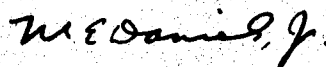
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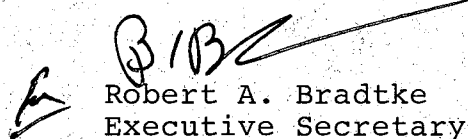
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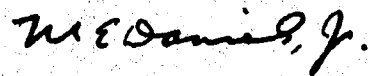
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 5-25-01

ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 5-25-01 2:00 PM

Subject: ENROLLED BILL H..R. 1696 - EXPEDITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORLD
WAR II MEMORIAL

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REMARKS:

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Harriet E. Miers
Assistant to the President
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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THE DIRECTOR

May 25, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 1696 - Expediting the construction of the World War II
Memorial
Sponsors - Rep. Stump (R) Arizona and 29 cosponsors

Last Day for Action

June 4, 2001 - Monday

Purpose

Requires the expedited construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia, and ratifies site selection and design decisions made to date.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval (Signing statement attached)
American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC)	Approval (Signing statement attached)
Commission of Fine Arts (CFA)	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval
Department of Veterans Affairs	Approval
Department of Justice	Approval (Informally)
Department of Defense	Defers (Informally)
Department of the Treasury	No objection (Informally)
National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)	No objection (Informally)
Council on Environmental Quality	No comment (Informally)
General Services Administration	No comment (Informally)

Discussion

Public Law 103-32 authorized the ABMC to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia, honoring members of the Armed Forces who served in World War II and commemorating the participation of the United States in that war. Establishment of the memorial was made subject to the Commemorative Works Act (CWA), the federal statute that governs the siting and design of memorials in the District of Columbia and its environs.

In 2000, the CFA and the NCPC approved the final architectural design of the memorial and reaffirmed an earlier decision to site the memorial at the Rainbow Pool on the Mall. On January 23, 2001, the Secretary of the Interior issued the special use permit for construction of the memorial. Construction, however, has been delayed by a lawsuit that challenges the validity of decisions made by the NCPC during the review process. (The previous NCPC chairman voted on this project after the expiration of his term.)

Provisions of the Enrolled Bill

H.R. 1696 ratifies the specific design and site decisions of the CFA, the NCPC, and the Department of the Interior and directs the memorial to be "constructed expeditiously at the . . . Rainbow Pool site." In addition, the enrolled bill provides that all elements of the memorial design and construction not yet approved are still subject to the CWA. Finally, the bill states that specified prior design and site decisions of the CFA, the NCPC, and the Department of the Interior shall not be subject to judicial review.

Agency Views

The ABMC recommends approval of H.R. 1696. The ABMC states that "[i]t is time we express our appreciation and construct the Memorial."

The CFA recommends approval of the enrolled bill. CFA advises that it "has worked closely with the American Battle Monuments Commission over the past six or seven years to select a site and design of a memorial of which we can all be proud."

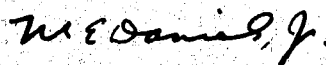
The Department of the Interior recommends approval of H.R. 1696 because it "paves the way for the construction of this most important memorial, while keeping intact the requirements imposed by the [NCPC] and the National Park Service." The Department notes that the special use permit ratified by H.R. 1696 provides that "the memorial's construction will be timed so as to allow pruning of the tree roots of the elm trees on the site during the trees' dormant period."

The Department of Veterans Affairs recommends approval of H.R. 1696. The Department states it "strongly supports the timely completion of [this] memorial Any unnecessary delay in the memorial's construction only serves to diminish the nation's expression of gratitude for and remembrance of the sacrifices made by this generation of veterans."

Conclusion and Recommendations

We join the ABMC, the CFA, and the Departments of the Interior, Veterans Affairs, and Justice in recommending the approval of H.R. 1696, which originally passed the House by a vote of 400-15 and passed the Senate amended by unanimous consent. The House concurred in the Senate amendment by voice vote.

Attached for your consideration is a signing statement that is based on a draft submitted by the ABMC. The statement commends Congress for expediting the memorial's construction. The statement has been reviewed and approved by the ABMC, the NCPC, the CFA, the Departments of the Interior, Justice, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs, the General Services Administration, the Domestic Policy Council, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of White House Counsel, and this Office.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "M E Daniels, Jr." in a cursive style.

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
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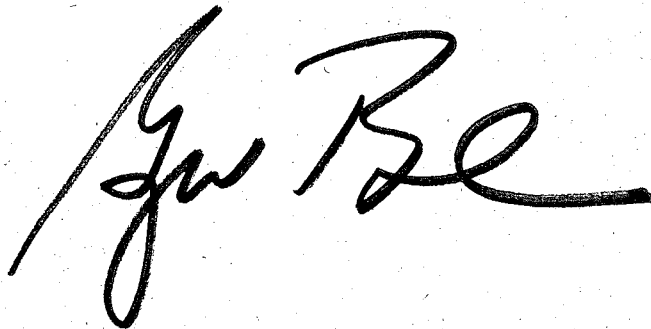
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THE WHITE HOUSE,

May 28, 2001.

One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and one*

An Act

To expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL SITE AND DESIGN.

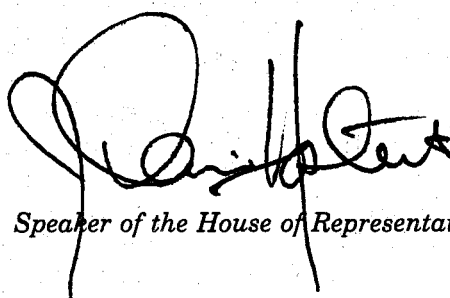
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the World War II memorial described in plans approved by the Commission of Fine Arts on July 20, 2000 and November 16, 2000, and selected by the National Capital Planning Commission on September 21, 2000 and December 14, 2000, and in accordance with the special use permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior on January 23, 2001, and numbered NCR-NACC-5700-0103, shall be constructed expeditiously at the dedicated Rainbow Pool site in the District of Columbia in a manner consistent with such plans and permits, subject to design modifications, if any, approved in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF COMMEMORATIVE WORKS ACT.

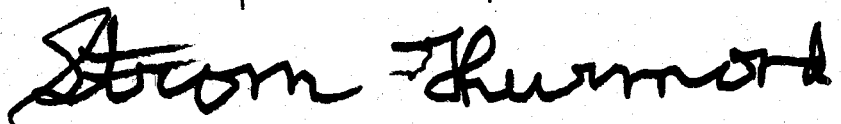
Elements of the memorial design and construction not approved as of the date of enactment of this Act shall be considered and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

SEC. 3. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

The decision to locate the memorial at the Rainbow Pool site in the District of Columbia and the actions by the Commission of Fine Arts on July 20, 2000 and November 16, 2000, the actions by the National Capital Planning Commission on September 21, 2000 and December 14, 2000, and the issuance of the special use permit identified in section 1 shall not be subject to judicial review.



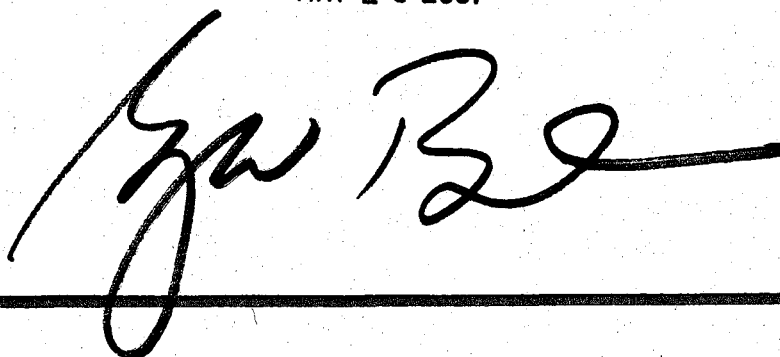
Speaker of the House of Representatives.



~~Vice President of the United States and~~
President of the Senate. *pro Tempore*

APPROVED

MAY 28 2001



THE WHITE HOUSE
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H.R. 1696

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GEORGE W. BUSH

THE WHITE HOUSE,
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Commitment to Veterans Fact Sheet

Today's Presidential Action:

- Today, President Bush signed H.R. 1696, a bill that will honor the 16 million Americans who served in uniform during the war, their families, and all those who contributed to the war effort by ending the delay in construction of the planned World War II Memorial. The Memorial will be built in the heart of our nation's capital between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall.
- The President announced the creation of a veterans health care task force, led by former Congressman Gerald Solomon and Dr. Gail Wilensky. The new Task Force will recommend specific actions to improve the way that the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense work together to provide quality health care for veterans and military retirees who have earned health care benefits.

Honoring the Men and Women of World War II

- Congress originally authorized the creation of a National World War II Memorial in 1993, but technicalities and litigation have delayed its construction. Three million World War II veterans have died since the Memorial was first authorized, and an estimated one million more will die during the 30 months the Memorial will take to complete.
- Former Senator Bob Dole and actor Tom Hanks have raised over \$170 million in a non-profit memorial fund for the Memorial's construction.

Honoring Our Commitment to America's Veterans

- President Bush announced that he will issue an executive order creating a Presidential Task Force to improve health care for veterans and military retirees.
- The Bush Administration is working to implement the Veterans Millennium Health Care Act. This action will make significant improvements to the medical programs for veterans, particularly long-term care. The Veteran's Millennium Health Care Act will allow VA to pay for enrolled veterans' emergency care in community hospitals, expand eligibility for home and community-based long-term care services, and increase the VA share of co-payments for prescriptions, outpatient visits, and long term care services for certain veterans.
- Secretary Principi is conducting a top-to-bottom review of VA claims processing to identify weaknesses and areas for improvement. This review reflects President Bush's commitment to make the processing of applications for veterans' benefits faster, easier and more accurate. Today the average claim takes 273 days to process, VA is aggressively pursuing a goal of 100 days by the summer of 2003.

The President's Budget and Veterans

- The President's Budget increases net discretionary budget authority for the Department of Veterans Affairs by nearly \$1 billion, or 4.5 percent, over the 2001 level. It focuses VA's health care system on its core mission of providing high-quality health care to veterans with service-connected disabilities or low incomes, and it supports the President's new task force to study ways of improving health care access and quality.
- The Budget provides a \$133 million increase for the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) to improve claims processing. These funds will allow VBA to hire 890 new employees, make information technology investments, and identify best practices as it strives to improve the service and delivery of benefits to veterans and their families.
- The President's Budget provides a \$78 million increase for construction to improve VA medical centers; plan, develop, or expand national cemeteries; and launch VA's multi-year health care infrastructure realignment initiative. Twelve million dollars is set aside to ensure that current cemeteries are properly maintained, and will allow VA to plan and develop new national cemeteries in Florida, Michigan, Georgia, California, Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma. The funding will also allow for expansion of existing cemeteries in Massachusetts and Washington.

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