

Union Calendar No. 250

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4285

[Report No. 119-294]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to designate an entrance-fee free date in 2026 at National Park Service sites in order to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 2, 2025

Ms. MALOY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 2, 2025]

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Semiquincentennial*
5 *Tourism and Access to Recreation Sites Act” or the*
6 *“STARS Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. WAIVED FEES AT PUBLIC RECREATIONAL SITES IN**
8 **HONOR OF AMERICA’S 250TH ANNIVERSARY.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—In honor of the semiquincentennial*
10 *of the United States of America—*

11 *(1) the Secretary of the Interior shall—*

12 *(A) designate September 17, 2026, as an en-*
13 *trance-fee free date on which admission is free to*
14 *all visitors with respect to each National Park*
15 *Service site that charges an entrance fee; and*

16 *(B) waive standard amenity recreation fees*
17 *on September 17, 2026, for each visitor to each*
18 *site managed by the Bureau of Land Manage-*
19 *ment, United States Fish and Wildlife Service,*
20 *or Bureau of Reclamation that charges a stand-*
21 *ard amenity recreation fee; and*

22 *(2) the Secretary of Agriculture shall waive*
23 *standard amenity recreation fees for September 17,*
24 *2026, for each visitor to each site managed by the*

1 *Forest Service that charges a standard amenity recre-*
2 *ation fee.*

3 **(b) DEFINITIONS.**—*In this section:*

4 **(1) ENTRANCE FEE.**—*The term “entrance fee”*
5 *has the meaning given the term in section 802 of the*
6 *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16*
7 *U.S.C. 6801).*

8 **(2) STANDARD AMENITY RECREATION FEE.**—*The*
9 *term “standard amenity recreation fee” has the*
10 *meaning given the term in section 802 of the Federal*
11 *Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.*
12 *6801).*

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