

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 2369

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2025

Mr. VAN HOLLEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Francis G. Newlands
5 Memorial Removal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF PLAQUE AND CONCRETE FROM ME-**
2 **MORIAL FOUNTAIN GROUNDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
4 shall—

5 (1) remove the brass plaque bearing the name
6 “Senator Francis G. Newlands” from the grounds of
7 the memorial fountain;

8 (2) remove from the south end of the memorial
9 fountain’s face, the stone, tablet-like projection bear-
10 ing the name of “Francis Griffith Newlands” and a
11 related inscription;

12 (3) remove or permanently conceal the name
13 “Newlands” carved into the upper face of the memo-
14 rial fountain’s coping stones; and

15 (4) offer the items removed pursuant to para-
16 graphs (1), (2), and (3) to the descendants of
17 Francis Griffith Newlands for a period of 60 days,
18 and if not claimed within that period, direct the
19 items removed pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and
20 (3) to be maintained by the National Park Service
21 as Federal property and accessioned into the Rock
22 Creek Park museum collection.

23 (b) MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.—For the purposes of this
24 section, the term “memorial fountain” means the memo-
25 rial fountain located at Chevy Chase Circle, Connecticut

1 Avenue and Western Avenue NW, in the District of Co-
2 lumbia.

