

H. DALE COOK FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES
COURTHOUSE

OCTOBER 6, 2009.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. OBERSTAR, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3305]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3305) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

H.R. 3305 designates the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 3305 designates the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. H. Dale Cook was born April 14, 1924 in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

On December 2, 1974, President Gerald Ford nominated H. Dale Cook to serve as a Federal Judge for the United States District Court for the Western, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma. Cook was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on December 18, 1974. In 1979, Cook became the Chief Judge for the Northern Dis-

trict of Oklahoma, and held this position until becoming Senior Judge in 1992. As a Senior Judge, Cook carried a robust criminal docket until months before his death in September 2008.

H. Dale Cook spent much of his professional career in public service. During 1944 and 1945, he served as a fighter pilot instructor and achieved a Lieutenant rank in the United States Army Air Corps. He then served in the United States Air Force Reserve from 1945 until 1953. During that time, he earned his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma School of Law in 1949 and 1950, respectively.

Before becoming a Federal Judge, H. Dale Cook held various public service roles, including serving as the Logan County, Oklahoma Attorney (1950–51), First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma (1954–58), and as Legal Counsel to the Governor of Oklahoma (1963–65). From 1971 to 1974, Cook served in Washington, D.C. as the Director of the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals for the Social Security Administration. His career also contained multiple tenures in private practice, and from 1969 to 1971, he served as President of Shepherd Mall State Bank in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Designation

Section 1 designates the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

Sec 2. References

Section 2 indicates that any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building and United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

In the 111th Congress, Representative John Sullivan introduced H.R. 3305 on July 23, 2009. This bill has not been introduced in a previous Congress. On September 24, 2009, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session, and ordered the bill reported favorably to the House by voice vote with a quorum present.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H.R. 3305, or ordering the bill reported. A motion to order H.R. 3305 reported favorably to the House was agreed to by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee references the report of the Congressional Budget Office included in the report.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goals and objective of this legislation are to designate naming the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3305 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 25, 2009.

Hon. JAMES L. OBERSTAR,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 3305, a bill to designate the federal building and United States Courthouse located at 224 South Boulder Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "H. Dale Cook Federal Building and United States Courthouse," as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 24, 2009.

CBO estimates that enactment of this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits, as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. H.R. 3305 does not contain any earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, committee reports on a bill or joint resolution of a public character shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the measure. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure finds that Congress has the authority to enact this measure pursuant to its powers granted under article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of Federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (P.L. 104-4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H.R. 3305 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104-1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H.R. 3305 makes no changes in existing law.