

CHANNEY, GOODMAN, SCHWERNER FEDERAL BUILDING

FEBRUARY 22, 2010.—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. 3562]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3562) to designate the Federal building under construction at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “Chaney, Goodman, Schwerner Federal Building”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. BUILDING DESIGNATION.

The Administrator of General Services shall ensure that the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, is known and designated as the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

With respect to the period in which the building referred to in section 1 is federally occupied, any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to that building shall be deemed to be a reference to the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill to designate the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

H.R. 3562, as amended, designates the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as

the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The bill designates the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were civil rights activists who were lynched in the summer of 1964 while attempting to organize and to register African American voters in Mississippi. On June 21, 1964, the three men drove to Longdale, Mississippi, to investigate the site of a burned church in Neshoba County. They were arrested by the Neshoba County police as they were leaving the site and were held by the police for several hours. They were later released only to be rearrested shortly thereafter. After the second arrest, Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price turned the three civil rights activists over to local members of the Ku Klux Klan. On August 4, 1964, their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam near Philadelphia, Mississippi.

These events sparked a great public uproar and led President Lyndon B. Johnson to direct Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director J. Edgar Hoover to open the Jackson Division of the FBI. The FBI flooded the state with agents in an attempt to solve the crime. The FBI eventually arrested 18 suspects on Federal conspiracy charges in the murder of these civil rights activists.

These young men were courageous in the face of the adversity during the push for civil rights in Mississippi during the summer of 1964. It is both fitting and proper that we honor their sacrifices with the designation of the Jackson, Mississippi FBI field office as the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Designation

Section 1 designates the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

Sec. 2. References

Section 2 states that during the period that the building referred to in section 1 is federally occupied, any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to that building shall be deemed to be a reference to the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building”.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On September 14, 2009, Representative Bennie Thompson introduced H.R. 3562. This bill has not been introduced in a previous Congress. On January 27, 2010, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider H.R. 3562. The Committee adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute to

the bill by voice vote. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure ordered H.R. 3562, as amended, 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 recorded 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. 3562, or ordering the bill, as amended, reported. A motion to order H.R. 3562, as amended, 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 the federally occupied building located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building".

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. 3562, as amended, from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, January 28, 2010.

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. 3562, a bill to designate the federally occupied build-

ing located at 1220 Echelon Parkway in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner Federal Building,” as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on January 27, 2010.

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. 3562, as amended, 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. 3562, as amended, 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. 3562, as amended, makes no changes in existing law.

