

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR
THE 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LIBRARY OF
CONGRESS

MARCH 23, 2000.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 279]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 279) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

House Concurrent Resolution 279, authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress to be held on April 24, 2000. The resolution also authorizes the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board to take such actions and prescribe such conditions as necessary for carrying out the event in complete compliance with the rules and regulations governing the use of the Capitol Grounds. The event will be open to the public and free of admission charge. In addition, sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations are explicitly prohibited on the Capitol Grounds for this event.

The Library of Congress's birthday celebration includes a free concert, open to the public, between noon and 1:30 p.m. The concert will be held on the West Front Plaza of the Jefferson Building facing the United States Capitol. First Street between Independence Avenue and East Capitol Street will be closed so the concert can be viewed from the East Front of the Capitol.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On March 16, 2000, the Committee met in open session and ordered reported H. Con. Res. 279, to authorize the use of the Capitol

Grounds for the Library of Congress's 200th birthday celebration, approved March 15, 2000, by the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, by voice vote with a quorum present. There were no recorded votes taken during Committee consideration of H. Con. Res. 279.

RECORD VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII 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 ordering H. Con. Res. 279 reported. A motion by Mr. Franks to order H. Con. Res. 279 favorably reported to the House was agreed to by voice vote, a quorum being present.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

Clause 3(d)(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 below.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on the subject of H. Con. Res. 279.

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 following cost estimate for H. Con. Res. 279 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

H. Con. Res. 279—Authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress

H. Con. Res. 279 would authorize the Library of Congress to use the Capitol grounds on April 24, 2000, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may jointly designate. CBO estimates that passage of H. Con. Res. 279 would result in no significant cost to the federal government.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is John R. Righter. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

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.

