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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 4, 1976

ACTION
Last Day: October 15

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: S.J. Res. 181 - Freedom Bell

Attached for your consideration is S.J. Res. 181, sponsored by Senator Moss.

The enrolled resolution authorizes the erection of the American Legion's Freedom Bell on lands of the National Park System in the District of Columbia.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Kilberg) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S.J. Res. 181 at Tab B.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

OCT 2 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution S. J. Res. 181 -
Freedom Bell
Sponsor - Sen. Moss (D) Utah

Last Day for Action

Purpose

Authorizes the erection of the American Legion's Freedom Bell on lands of the National Park System in the District of Columbia.

Agency Recommendations


Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval (Informally)
Commission on Fine Arts	No objection (Informally)
National Capital Planning Commission	No objection (Informally)

Discussion

In honor of the Bicentennial celebration, S.J. Res. 181 would authorize the American Legion to erect on National Park System lands, within the District of Columbia, the American Legion's Freedom Bell. Plans for choice of the site and placement of the Freedom Bell would be subject to approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission on Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission. Placement of the bell would have to begin within five years of enactment.

In accordance with usual practice, the American Legion would bear the cost of erecting the Freedom Bell, and Interior would maintain it thereafter.

In reporting to the Congress on this legislation, the Department of the Interior favored enactment subject to certain technical amendments. S. J. Res. 181 incorporates fully Interior's amendments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul H. O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "O".

Paul H. O'Neill
Acting Director

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: October 2

Time: 600pm

FOR ACTION: ²¹³³⁴ Bill Baroody *W*
Steve McConahey *an*
MMx Friedersdorf *ph*
Bobbie Kilberg *an*

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Connor
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: October 4

Time: 300pm

SUBJECT:

S.J. Res. 181-Freedom Bell

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

Date: October 2

Time: 600pm

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ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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No objection

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James M. Cannon
 For the President

Date: October 2

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Recommend Approval. [Signature]

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Recommend Approval.
[Signature]

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James M. Cannon
For the President

AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF THE BELL KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN LEGION'S FREEDOM BELL IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ON LAND OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SEPTEMBER 15, 1976.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. HALEY, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 915]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 915) to authorize the placement of the bell known as the American Legion's Freedom Bell in the District of Columbia on land of the national park system, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the joint resolution as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Page 1, lines 5 and 6, strike out "on land of the national park system".

Page 1, lines 9 through 11, strike out all of Section 2 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 2. All plans for the choice of the site and the placement of the freedom bell pursuant to the first section of this Resolution are subject to (1) the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission on Fine Arts, and the National Capitol Planning Commission, and (2) the placement of the bell being begun within five years after the date of enactment of this Resolution.

Amend the title so as to read:

To authorize the placement of the bell known as the American Legion's Freedom Bell on lands owned by the United States, and for other purposes.

H.J. RES. 921

Purpose

The purpose of H.J. Res. 915¹ is to authorize the placement of the American Legion's Freedom Bell on Federal lands in the District of Columbia or its environs.

Background

The American Legion's Freedom Bell, a Bicentennial gift to the nation from the American Legion, was cast in 1975, and has since been exhibited around the country on the American Freedom Train. This twice scale replica of our original Liberty Bell is intended to serve as a reminder of the freedom we enjoyed after 200 years as a nation. The American Legion has raised funds to construct a suitable structure to house the bell as a permanent memorial. H.J. Res. 915 is intended to permit the placement of the bell, without government expense, at a suitable location.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 authorizes the American Legion to place the Freedom Bell on lands owned by the United States in the District of Columbia or its environs.

Section 2 provides that all plans for the choice of the site and the placement of the Freedom Bell will be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capitol Planning Commission. The placement of the bell is to be begun within five years from the enactment of this resolution for this authorization to remain in effect.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Hearings were held on H.J. Res. 915 on August 6, 1976. Favorable testimony was heard at this time from witnesses from the Department of the Interior and the American Legion. The Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation reported the measure on September 2, 1976, after adopting amendments providing that the placement of the bell could be considered on any federally owned land in the District of Columbia or its environs, and that the plans for the placement would be subject to certain approvals and must occur in five years. In approving the measure, members expressed an interest in seeing some locations in the vicinity of the United States Capitol being given consideration as the site for placement of the bell.

COST

H.J. Res. 915 simply authorizes the placement of the Freedom Bell at no cost to the federal government.

¹H.J. Res. 915 was introduced on April 7, 1976, by Representative Allan Howe. H.J. Res. 961 and H.J. Res. 962, companion measures were introduced on May 20, 1976, by Representatives Howe, Abdnor, Addabbo, Archer, Baucus, Burgener, Cohen, Dominick V. Daniels, Harkin, Hughes, Jenrette, Keys, Lagomarsino, Lott, Mazzoli, Melcher, Miller of Ohio, Moorhead of Pennsylvania, Murphy of New York, Ottinger, Pattison of New York, Pepper, Preyer, Roe, Sebelius, Simon, Treen, Whitehurst, and Bob Wilson.

BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE

H.J. Res. 915 does not authorize any federal expenditure.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT

No inflationary impact will occur from enactment of H.J. Res. 915.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

H.J. Res. 915 is a legislative initiative. No oversight discussions were held as a part of the hearings and no recommendations were submitted to the Committee pursuant to Rule X, Clause 2 (b) (2).

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Two amendments were adopted by the Committee as follows:

1. Section 1 was amended to permit consideration of placement of the Freedom Bell on any federally owned land in or near the District of Columbia. This is to permit broader flexibility in consideration of sites than the original language, which was restricted to national park system lands in the District of Columbia.
2. A new section 2 was substituted which requires approval of the plans by the appropriate planning commissions in addition to the Secretary of the Interior. The placement must also be begun within five years.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On September 9, 1976, after adopting the amendments as discussed, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, meeting in open session, reported H.J. Res. 915 by voice vote, and recommends that the bill, as amended, be approved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

The favorable report of the Department of the Interior, dated August 5, 1976, is here printed in full:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., August 5, 1976.

HON. JAMES A. HALEY,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on H.J. Res. 915, a bill "To authorize the placement of the bell known as the American Legion's Freedom Bell in the District of Columbia on land of the national park system, and for other purposes."

We recommend that the bill be enacted if amended as suggested herein.

H.J. Res. 915 would authorize the American Legion to place on land of the National Park System in the District of Columbia the American Legion's Freedom Bell in honor of this country's Bicentennial celebration. All plans for placement of the Freedom Bell would be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, who would also maintain the gift after placement. The costs of placing the Freedom Bell would be borne by the American Legion.

H.J. Res. 915 has been considered by the National Capitol Memorial Advisory Committee, and has been determined as appropriate to the memorial functions of the Nation's Capitol, if amended as suggested below.

We recommend that section 2 of H.J. Res. 915 be deleted, and the following language substituted in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 2. All plans for the choice of the site and placement of the Freedom Bell pursuant to the first section of this bill are subject to (1) the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission on Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission, and (2) the placement of the bell is begun within 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act."

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN KYL,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

Joint Resolution

To authorize the erection of the American Legion's Freedom Bell on lands of the park system of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the American Legion is authorized to erect on lands of the park system of the District of Columbia and its environs on lands owned by the United States and to present to the Congress of the United States on behalf of the children of America, the American Legion's Freedom Bell, in honor of the Bicentennial celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

SEC. 2. All plans for the choice of the site and the placement of the freedom bell pursuant to the first section of this bill are subject to (1) the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission on Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission, and (2) the placement of the bell is begun within five years after the date of enactment of this Act.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*