

[H.R. 1475, Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Wednesday, February 24, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 1475](#), the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 1475 was introduced on March 19, 2015 by Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX), and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported by voice vote on February 3, 2016.

SUMMARY

H.R. 1475 expands upon the original design of the Korean War Veterans Memorial by authorizing a “Wall of Remembrance” with the names of those killed or wounded in theater, listed as missing, or prisoners of war during the Korean War. It will also list the number of Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, the Republic of Korea Armed Forces and other nations of the United Nations Command who were killed, wounded, missing, or prisoners of war.

BACKGROUND

The Korean War Veterans Memorial commemorates the sacrifices of 5.8 million Americans world-wide who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the three-year period of the Korean War. The Memorial also recognizes the participation of the 22 nations who served as United Nations contributors. During the Korean War’s duration from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, 54,246 Americans died world-wide.¹ Of these, 8,200 are listed as missing in action, lost or buried at sea, and an additional 103,284 were wounded during the conflict.²

The Wall of Remembrance authorized by H.R. 1475 will be an unbroken semi-circle of glass panels seven feet high, allowing full visibility to the rest of the Mall.³ The Wall of Remembrance will be financed solely through non-governmental funds.

¹ See [Natural Resources Committee Hearing Memo on H.R. 1475](#)

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

According to the bill's sponsor, "Our war memorials are an important physical reminder that the price of freedom is not free. Fittingly, they also serve as places where all Americans can pay their respects to the brave men and women who fought on behalf of our Great Nation. Sadly, the Korean War and its veterans are often forgotten. And America's memorial for this Forgotten War is incomplete. That is why this Wall of Remembrance is so important."⁴

COST

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is not available at this time.

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⁴ See [Sam Johnson Introduces Bill to Honor Korean War Veterans](#)