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TO RENAME THE OYSTER BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AS THE CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

OCTOBER 12, 2018.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 6064]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6064) to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 6064 is to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Lester Lionel Wolff, born January 4, 1919, served as a public servant for the people of New York for 16 years. A product of New York public schools, Wolff attended New York University where he would later become a lecturer in addition to serving as a member of the Civil Air Patrol.[1] Wolff was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1965 and served eight terms in Congress. During his time in Congress, he served as Chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee and the Select Committee on

[1] "*Lester Lionel Wolff.*" Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=W000680.

Narcotics Abuse and Control.[2] He is currently the oldest living former member of Congress.[3]

In 1968, Wolff successfully pushed to create the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is located on the north shore of Long Island in eastern Nassau County and, in addition to being the largest refuge in the Long Island refuge complex, receives the most public use of all the refuges.[4] Today, the Refuge is especially important for wintering waterfowl such as black ducks, greater scaup, bufflehead, canvasback and long-tailed ducks.[5]

H.R. 6064 renames the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge. The renaming does not modify the Refuge's boundaries, alter any regulations, change existing management, or authorize new funding.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 6064 was introduced on June 8, 2018, by Congressman Thomas R. Suozzi (D–NY). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. On September 26, 2018, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act. With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, October 2, 2018.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 6064, a bill to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Ref-

[2] http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=W000680; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lester_L._Wolff.
[3] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lester_L._Wolff.
[4] "*Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.*" U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Oyster_Bay/about.html.
[5] Id.

uge, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 26, 2018.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6064 would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6064 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6064 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Janani Shankaran.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,
Director.

2. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104–4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95–220, as amended by Public Law 98–169) as relating to other programs.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

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