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

OCTOBER 11, 2019.—Committed to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 263]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 263) to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay 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. 263 is to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay 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 as a Member of the United States House of Representatives for 16 years.[1] A product of New York public schools, Wolff attended New York University, where he would later become a lecturer, and he served as a member of the Civil Air Patrol.[2] Wolff was elected to Congress in 1964.[3] During his time here, he served as Chair of the Asian and Pacific Affairs

[1] *Wolff, Lester Lionel, (1919–)*, Biographical Directory of the U.S. Cong., http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=W000680 (last visited Oct. 7, 2019).
[2] *Id.*
[3] *Id.*

Subcommittee of the House Committee on International Relations [4] and the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.[5] He is currently the oldest living former Member of Congress.[6]

In 1968, Wolff successfully pushed to create the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), on the north shore of Long Island. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oyster Bay NWR is the largest refuge in the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex and receives the most public use of all such refuges.[7] Today, it is a key habitat for migratory waterfowl including black ducks, greater scaup, bufflehead, canvasback, and long-tailed ducks.[8]

H.R. 263 renames the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 263 was introduced on January 4, 2019, by Representative Thomas Suozzi (D–NY). The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. On September 18, 2019, 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.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of section 103(i) of H. Res. 6 of the 116th Congress—the following hearing was used to develop or consider H.R. 263: full committee markup held on September 18, 2019.

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:

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[4] Legislative Review Activities of the Committee on International Relations, H.R. Rep. No. 104–883, at 146, 147 (1997).

[5] *Wolff, Lester Lionel, (1919–)*, *supra* note 1.

[6] Press Release, Office of Thomas Suozzi, U.S. Representative, Suozzi Wishes Rep. Lester Wolff, the Oldest Living Former Member of Congress, a Happy 100th Birthday and Honors Him in Official Congressional Record (Jan. 4, 2019), https://suozzi.house.gov/media/press-releases/suozzi-wishes-rep-lester-wolff-oldest-living-former-member-congress-happy-100th.

[7] *About the Refuge*, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Serv., https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Oyster_Bay/about.html (last updated Dec. 2, 2013).

[8] *Id.*

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 23, 2019.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 263, a bill to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 18, 2019.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 263 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 the legislation would not increase on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030.

H.R. 263 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,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

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

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

APPLICABILITY TO 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.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

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

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.

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