

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2278 With Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2278

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2021

Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. BEYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL**

4 **ROUTE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
7 titled “September 11th National Memorial Trail

1 Route Proposed Trail Route,” numbered 669/
2 176,670A, and dated July 2021.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
5 rector of the National Park Service.

6 (3) TRAIL ROUTE.—The term “Trail Route”
7 means the September 11th National Memorial Trail
8 Route designated under subsection (b).

9 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAIL ROUTE.—

10 (1) DESIGNATION.—There is designated a Trail
11 Route, to be known as the “September 11th Na-
12 tional Memorial Trail Route”, to link the National
13 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City, the
14 National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Vir-
15 ginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Som-
16 erset County, Pennsylvania. The September 11th
17 National Memorial Trail Route shall—

18 (A) provide for a tribute to the family
19 members and loved ones who were victims of
20 the attack and the heroes of September 11th,
21 including the first responders in the days,
22 weeks, and months after the attack;

23 (B) be a trail of remembrance to honor the
24 fallen in a tangible way that keeps their memo-

1 ries alive and reaffirms the exceptionalism of
2 our country; and

3 (C) be a celebration of our Nation's resil-
4 ience and perseverance since September 11,
5 2001.

6 (2) ROUTE.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Trail Route shall
8 consist of a series of trails as generally depicted
9 on the Map.

10 (B) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map
11 shall be available in the appropriate offices of
12 the National Park Service.

13 (C) REVISION.—The Secretary may revise
14 the Map by publication in the Federal Register
15 of a notice of availability of a new Map.

16 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Trail Route program
17 shall be administered by the Secretary in consultation with
18 the affected landowners, including any Federal, State,
19 Tribal or local agencies that manage the affected lands,
20 but shall not be considered to be a unit of the National
21 Park System or a part of the National Trail System.

22 (d) ACTIVITIES.—To facilitate the administration of
23 the Trail Route program and the dissemination of infor-
24 mation regarding the Trail Route, the Secretary shall—

1 (1) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-
2 cational materials regarding the Trail Route, such
3 as handbooks, maps, exhibits, signs, interpretive
4 guides, electronic information, and other interpretive
5 materials;

6 (2) coordinate the management and planning of
7 the Trail Route with participating property owners,
8 other Federal agencies, State, Tribal, and local gov-
9 ernments, and nonprofit entities;

10 (3) create and adopt an official, uniform symbol
11 or device to mark the Trail Route;

12 (4) issue guidelines for the use of the symbol or
13 device adopted under paragraph (3); and

14 (5) if deemed appropriate by the Secretary, au-
15 thorize signage on lands managed by the General
16 Services Administration or the National Park Serv-
17 ice in the District of Columbia and its environs,
18 without regard to the requirements of the Com-
19 memorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 8901).

20 (e) AGREEMENTS.—To ensure effective coordination
21 of the Federal and non-Federal properties along the Trail
22 Route, the Secretary may enter into agreements with, and
23 provide technical and financial assistance to, other Federal
24 agencies, the State, localities, regional governmental bod-
25 ies, and private entities.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route, and for other purposes.”.