



H.R. 5853 – Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 5853 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Niki Tsongas (D-MA) on April 17, 2008. The House Committee on Natural Resources agreed to the bill, by voice vote, on July 23, 2008.

H.R. 5853 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 22, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 5853 expands the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park, located in Massachusetts, to include the 67 acres of historic Colonial James Barrett's Farm.

Additionally, the bill allows the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the lands by purchase from a willing seller, by donation, or through exchange.

BACKGROUND

Located in Concord, Massachusetts, Barrett's Farm is the former home of Colonial James Barrett, who was the commander of the Middlesex militia during the Revolutionary War. It was at Barrett's Farm where the "shot heard 'round the world" was fired, marking the beginning of the Revolutionary War. The famous shot was fired after the British military marched from Boston to seize the Revolutionary Army's munitions held at the Farm.

The Minute Man National Park allows visitors to visit the first battlefields of the Revolutionary War near Concord, Massachusetts. [Minute Man National Park – National park Service Website](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 'implementing the legislation would cost \$2.5 million over the 2009-2013 period.' [CBO cost estimate for H.R. 5853](#)

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