



## **H.R. 1388 - Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act**

### **Floor Situation**

H.R. 1388 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 Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) on March 7, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Natural Resources by a vote of 28-10.

H.R. 1388 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

### **Summary**

This legislation directs the Secretary of the Interior to incorporate the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail into the national trails system.

### **Background**

The Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail consists of water and overland routes totaling approximately 290 miles, extending from southern Maryland through the District of Columbia and Virginia, and north to Baltimore, Maryland. This national historic trail commemorates the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812 (including the British invasion of Washington, DC, and the Battle of Baltimore in summer 1814)

These sites will be incorporated into the National Parks System and be eligible for federal funds in order to maintain the sites.

*\*Note – Some Republican members are opposed to this legislation because the area to be incorporated is not well defined. During the Committee mark-up Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) said the legislation could "best be described as a rough sketch. The map doesn't even contain contiguous trails."*

### **Cost**

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office had not yet scored this legislation.

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