



**H.R. 2094– To provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, and for other purposes**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 2094 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 Dennis Moore (D-KS) on May 1, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and ordered reported by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2094 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 22, 2007.

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 2094 allows the Eisenhower Memorial Commission to hire additional staff, including, an architect, and accept gifts and donations for the completion of a memorial to honor the contributions of Dwight D. Eisenhower to the Nation.

**BACKGROUND**

Dwight D. Eisenhower was the 34th President of the United States. In 1944 he served as the Supreme Commander of the troops invading France during D-Day in World War II (WWII). After the war, he became President of Columbia University. He left that post to assume supreme command over the new NATO forces, which were being assembled in 1951. In 1956, he was elected President of the United States.

The Eisenhower Memorial Commission was created by Congress in the “Defense Appropriations Act of 2000”. (H.R. 2561) The Commission met and considered 26 different sites in the District of Columbia. The Commission decided on a space between the Department of Education and the Air and Space Museum. This site was chosen because of the significance of both sites to the Eisenhower legacy, because during his tenure as President, he created both NASA and the Department of Education.

The site was established by Congress in S.J.Res. 28 and became (PL 109-220) on May 5, 2006.

**COST**

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), “Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the commission would spend about \$10 million over the next five

years to carry out its responsibilities. This amount would be used primarily to hire and compensate additional staff, who would manage the design of the memorial. Enacting H.R. 2094 would not affect direct spending or revenues”.

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