

H.R. 473, a bill to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 18, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

H.R. 473 would authorize the group Every Word We Utter to establish a monument in or near the District of Columbia to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. H.R. 473 would prohibit the use of federal funds to establish the monument.

The project would be subject to the requirements of the Commemorative Works Act. Under that act, any entity that receives a permit to construct a commemorative work must also donate to the National Park Foundation (a nonprofit organization whose subsequent donations to the National Park Service are recorded on the budget) an amount equal to 10 percent of the memorial's estimated construction costs. That donation and any project funds remaining after construction would be available for maintenance of the memorial without further appropriation.

Based on the experiences of similar commemorative projects, CBO expects that any amounts collected by the federal government for maintenance of the monument would not be received for several years and would be offset by an expenditure soon thereafter. Thus, CBO estimates that the legislation's net effect on direct spending would be negligible.

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