

JAMES L. OBERSTAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

NOVEMBER 12, 2014.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SHUSTER, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4926]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom
was referred the bill (H.R. 4926) to designate the “James L. Ober-
star Memorial Highway” and the “James L. Oberstar National Sce-
nic Byway” in the State of Minnesota, having considered the same,
report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that
the bill as amended do pass.

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The amendments are as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The segment of Interstate Route 35 between milepost 133 at Forest Lake, Minnesota, and milepost 259 at Duluth, Minnesota, shall be known and designated as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway”.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the segment of Interstate Route 35 referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway”.

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill to designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the State of Minnesota as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway”.

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

H.R. 4926, as amended, designates the segment of Interstate Route 35 between milepost 133 at Forest Lake, Minnesota, and milepost 259 at Duluth, Minnesota, as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Congressman James Louis Oberstar was born Sept. 10, 1934, in Chisholm, a small city on the Iron Range of northeastern Minnesota. He was the son of an Iron Range miner. After graduating from Chisholm High School in 1952, he worked in the mines to pay for his education at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where he graduated in 1956. He then received a master’s degree in European studies from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.

Congressman Oberstar began his career on Capitol Hill in 1963 as a staffer for his hometown Congressman, John Blatnik. He served on Congressman Blatnik’s staff until 1974, when he was elected to represent the 8th Congressional District of Minnesota. He served as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 36 years and was a Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for his entire tenure. He served as Chairman of the Committee from 2007 to 2011 and is the longest serving Minnesota Congressman in history. Congressman Oberstar died in his sleep on May 3, 2014.

H.R. 4926, as amended, designates the segment of Interstate Route 35 between milepost 133 at Forest Lake, Minnesota, and milepost 259 at Duluth, Minnesota, as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway”.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H.R. 4926.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

On June 20, 2014, Mr. Nolan (for himself, Mr. Walz, Mr. Paulsen, Mr. Ellison, Mrs. Bachmann, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Kline) introduced H.R. 4926. On September 17, 2014, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session. The Committee considered one amendment offered by Representative Nolan (D-MN). The amendment was adopted by voice vote and the Committee ordered H.R. 4926, as amended, reported favorably to the House by voice vote with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no record votes taken in connection with consideration of H.R. 4926, as amended.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4926 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 19, 2014.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 4926, a bill to designate the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway" and the "James L. Oberstar National Scenic Byway" in the State of Minnesota, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 17, 2014.

CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. H.R. 4926 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Sarah Puro.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goals and objective of this legislation, as amended, is to name a segment of Interstate Route 35 after James L. Oberstar.

ADVISORY OF EARMARKS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to include a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. No provision in the bill, as amended, includes an earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit under clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of rule XXI.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to section 3(j) of H. Res. 5, 113th Cong. (2013), the Committee finds that no provision of H.R. 4926, as amended, establishes or reauthorizes a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTED RULE MAKINGS

Pursuant to section 3(k) of H. Res. 5, 113th Cong. (2013), the Committee estimates that enacting H.R. 4926, as amended, would not result in the completion of a rulemaking within the meaning of section 551 of title 5, United States Code.

FEDERAL MANDATE STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee states that H.R. 4926, as amended, does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation, as amended.

APPLICABILITY OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation, as amended, does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to pub-

lic services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF LEGISLATION

Section 1. Designation.

H.R. 4296, as amended, designates the segment of Interstate Route 35 between milepost 133 at Forest Lake, Minnesota, and milepost 259 at Duluth, Minnesota, as the “James L. Oberstar Memorial Highway”.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H.R. 4926, as amended, does not amend existing law.

