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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

Last Day - October 8

October 3, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 5507

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*To Ash
10/7/74*

Attached for your signature is the House bill, H.R. 5507, William Jennings Bryan -- statue donation, which authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to donate, without monetary consideration, a statue of William Jennings Bryan to the City of Salem, Illinois.

Roy Ash recommends approval and provides you with additional background information in his enrolled bill report (Tab A).

We have checked with Secretary Morton, the Counsel's office (Chapman) and Bill Timmons who concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the House bill, H.R. 5507 (Tab B).



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

OCT 1 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 5507 - William Jennings Bryan --
statue donation
Sponsor - Rep. Gray (D) Illinois

Last Day for Action

October 8, 1974 - Tuesday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Department of the Interior

No objection

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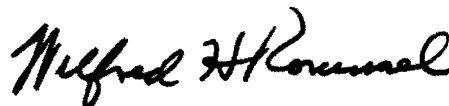


road construction caused the statue to be displaced, it was placed in temporary storage until being loaned, in 1961, to the city of Salem, Illinois, which is the birthplace of William Jennings Bryan. The statue is technically considered property of the Department of the Interior, and could not be given to the city of Salem without appropriate legislative authority.

H.R. 5507 would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to donate, by appropriate cooperative agreement, and without monetary consideration, to the city of Salem, Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the statue of William Jennings Bryan that was authorized by the 1930 Act. The donation would be conditioned on the city suitably displaying and maintaining the statue within the city.

In its report on H.R. 5507, the Committee on House Administration noted that:

"This legislation would give the City clear title to the statue and thus resolve any legal difficulties relative to city expenditures for maintenance and care thereof."



Assistant Director for
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WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 620

Date: September 1, 1974

Time: 4:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: ✓ Michael Duval
 ✓ Phil Buchen
 . Bill Timmons

cc (for information): Warren K. Hendriks
 Jerry Jones
 Paul Theis

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, October 3, 1974

Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 5507 - William Jennings Bryan --
statue donation

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Kathy Tindëe - West Wing

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

 K. R. COLE, JR.
 For the President

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TO: WARREN HENDRIKS

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Robert D. Linder



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Dear Mr. Ash:

This responds to your request for the views of this Department on enrolled bill, H.R. 5507 "To authorize the conveyance to the city of Salem, Illinois, of a statue of William Jennings Bryan."

We have no objection to the President's approving this enrolled bill.

Enrolled bill H.R. 5507 would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to donate, by appropriate cooperative agreement, and without monetary consideration, to the city of Salem, Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in a specified statue of William Jennings Bryan. The donation is to be conditioned on the city's suitably displaying and maintaining the statue as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan.

Erection of the statue was originally authorized by the Act of June 18, 1930 (46 Stat. 783), which directed the then Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital to grant permission to the William Jennings Bryan Memorial Association to erect the statue on public grounds of the United States in Washington, D.C. The 1930 Act provided that the United States was to be put to no expense in or by the erection of the memorial. The statue has now been located in the city of Salem, Illinois, for several years.

As enrolled, the bill incorporates two technical amendments suggested by this Department.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Washington, D.C.

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AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF SALEM, ILLINOIS, OF A STATUE OF WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

SEPTEMBER 19, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CANNON, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 5507]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 5507) to authorize the conveyance to the city of Salem, Illinois, of a statue of William Jennings Bryan, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

H.R. 5507 would (1) authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to donate, by appropriate cooperative agreement, and without monetary consideration, to the city of Salem, Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the statue of William Jennings Bryan authorized by the Act of June 18, 1930 (46 Stat. 783), and (2) provide that such donation shall be on condition that the city of Salem, Illinois, shall suitably display and maintain within such city such statue as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan, onetime Member of the House of Representatives of the United States, Secretary of State of the United States, and three times nominated by his party for President of the United States.

The statue was originally erected on public land in the District of Columbia, pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1930, (46 Stat. 783), by the William Jennings Bryan Memorial Association. The United States incurred no expense with respect to this erection.

Subsequently, when road construction in the District of Columbia caused the statue to be displaced, the Department of the Interior loaned it to the city of Salem, which is the birthplace of William

Jennings Bryan. It has been located there for several years. H. R. 5507 would give the city clear title to the statue and thus resolve any legal difficulties relative to city expenditures for maintenance and care thereof.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to this measure from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Letters relative to H. R. 5507 addressed to Senator Howard W. Cannon, chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, by Senator Adlai E. Stevenson III, and by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, are as follows:

U. S. SENATE,
Washington, D. C., August 21, 1974.

HON. HOWARD W. CANNON,
Chairman, Senate Rules and Administration Committee,
U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR HOWARD: Two days ago, the House took from its consent calendar, and passed, H. R. 5507. The bill is short. It simply authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to donate a statue of William Jennings Bryan to Salem, Illinois on the condition that the city display and maintain the statue as a memorial to Mr. Bryan.

The bill is not controversial. It has the full support of the Administration and passed the House unanimously. The Bryan family has endorsed Salem's efforts. I can foresee no substantive difficulties in the Senate.

However, I am concerned that this bill may be overlooked as the Rules and Administration Committee turns to consider the vice presidential nomination in the limited time remaining before adjournment.

I ask your assistance in seeing that does not happen. This bill is meritorious. Salem is the birthplace of William Jennings Bryan. Even after he moved to Nebraska, Bryan visited Salem almost annually and the town has not forgotten him.

More than any other place in the country, Salem commemorates Bryan. Its oldest residents remember him and its younger ones know of him through stories told in the William Jennings Bryan Memorial Park, in the Bryan home, in the city library donated by Bryan, and in the churches remembered in Bryan's will.

And the statue—the subject of H. R. 5507—is omnipresent. It is the centerpiece of Bryan Memorial Park (the Department of the Interior authorized its transfer to Salem in 1961). It is part of the town seal and is on the town's stationery. It is only fitting that Salem—which cherishes the memory of my great-grandfather's running mate—should be given this statue.

I hope you will review this bill and allow it to be brought to the floor soon. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

ADLAI E. STEVENSON III,
U. S. Senator.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., August 27, 1974.

HON. HOWARD W. CANNON,
Chairman, Committee on Rules and Administration,
U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to your request for the views of this Department on H. R. 5507, a bill in the Senate, "To authorize the conveyance to the city of Salem, Illinois, of a statue of William Jennings Bryan."

We have no objection to enactment of this bill.

As passed by the House of Representatives, the bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without monetary consideration, to the city of Salem, Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in a specified statue of William Jennings Bryan. The donation is to be conditioned on the city's suitably displaying and maintaining the statue as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan. Erection of the statue was originally authorized by the Act of June 18, 1930 (46 Stat. 783), which directed the then Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital to grant permission to the William Jennings Bryan Memorial Association to erect the statue on public grounds of the United States in Washington, D. C. The 1930 Act provided that the United States was to be put to no expense in or by the erection of the memorial.

The statue has now been located in the city of Salem, Illinois, for several years. We have no objection to the aim of H. R. 5507, to convey to the city of Salem the United States' interest in the statue. As passed, the bill incorporates two technical amendments suggested by this Department in its letter of May 17, 1974, to the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN H. KYL,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF
SALEM, ILL., OF A STATUE OF WILLIAM JENNINGS
BRYAN

AUGUST 1, 1974.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. NEDZI, from the Committee on House Administration,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 5507]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 5507), having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

By unanimous consent the Committee adopted a motion to report H.R. 5507, as amended.

H.R. 5507 would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without monetary consideration, to the City of Salem, Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in a specified statue of William Jennings Bryan. This donation would be conditioned on the City's suitably displaying and maintaining the statue as a memorial to this former Member of the House of Representatives, Secretary of State of the United States, and three-time nominee of his party for the Presidency of the United States.

This statue was originally erected on public land in the District of Columbia, pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1930, (46 Stat. 783), by the William Jennings Bryan Memorial Association. The United States incurred no expense with respect to his erection.

Subsequently, when road construction in the District of Columbia caused this statue to be displaced, the Department of the Interior loaned this statue to the City, which is the birthplace of William Jennings Bryan. It has been located there for several years. This legislation would give the City clear title to the statue and thus resolve any legal difficulties relative to City expenditures for maintenance and care thereof.

The Committee on House Administration requested the Department of the Interior to render a report on this measure. That report, which appears hereafter, recommends Congressional approval of the bill, with technical amendments. These amendments accomplish the deletion of reference in the bill to conveyance by quitclaim deed, since

a quitclaim deed is not an appropriate instrument for donation of a statue.

AMENDMENTS

Page 1, line 4, strike the words "to convey, by quitclaim deed," and insert in lieu thereof "to donate, by appropriate cooperative agreement,".

Page 1, line 8, strike the word "conveyance" and insert in lieu thereof "donation".

The report of the Department of the Interior is as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., May 17, 1974.

HON. WAYNE L. HAYS,
Chairman, Committee on House Administration, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This responds to the request of your Committee for the views of this Department on H.R. 5507, a bill "To authorize the conveyance to the city of Salem, Illinois, of a statue of William Jennings Bryan."

We have no objection to enactment of H.R. 5507, if amended as suggested in this report.

The bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey, without monetary consideration, to the city of Salem, Illinois, all right, title, and interest of the United States in a specified statue of William Jennings Bryan. The donation is to be conditioned on the city of Salem suitably displaying and maintaining the statue as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan. Erection of the statue was originally authorized by the Act of June 18, 1930 (46 Stat. 783), which directed the then Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital to grant permission to the William Jennings Bryan Memorial Association to erect the statue on public grounds of the United States in Washington, D.C. The 1930 Act provided that the United States was to be put to no expense in or by the erection of the memorial.

The statue has now been located in the city of Salem, Illinois, for several years. We have no objection to the aim of H.R. 5507, of conveying to the city of Salem, the United States' interest in the statue. We would, however, recommend a drafting change to delete the reference in the bill to a quitclaim deed, since a quitclaim deed is not the appropriate legal instrument for donation of a statue. Specifically, we would recommend: (1) revising line 4 of page 1 to read: "to donate, by an appropriate cooperative agreement, and without monetary consid-"; and (2) revising line 8, page 1, to read "(46 Stat. 783). Such donation shall be on condition that".

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS BOHLEN,
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

An Act

To authorize the conveyance to the city of Salem, Illinois, of a statue of
William Jennings Bryan.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary
of the Interior is authorized and directed to donate, by appropriate
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by his party for President of the United States.*

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

September 26, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the
White House on September twenty-sixth:

S. J. Res. 244 ✓
S. 3320 ✓
H. R. 9507 ✓
H. R. 11559 ✓
H. R. 15406 ✓
H. R. 16243 ✓

Please let the President have reports and
recommendations as to the approval of these
bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C.