

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, HR. 1660, with An Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1660

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**  
4 **SOUTHERN COLORADO REGION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
6 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,

1 United States Code, a national cemetery in El Paso Coun-  
2 ty, Colorado, to serve the needs of veterans and their fami-  
3 lies in the southern Colorado region.

4 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before  
5 selecting the site for the national cemetery established  
6 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

7 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-  
8 rado and local officials in the southern Colorado re-  
9 gion; and

10 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,  
11 including the Administrator of General Services,  
12 with respect to land belonging to the United States  
13 in El Paso County, Colorado, that would be suitable  
14 to establish the national cemetery under subsection  
15 (a).

16 (c) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL  
17 OF LAND.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans  
19 Affairs may accept on behalf of the United States  
20 the gift of an appropriate parcel of real property.  
21 The Secretary shall have administrative jurisdiction  
22 over such parcel of real property, and shall use such  
23 parcel to establish the national cemetery under sub-  
24 section (a).

1           (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT.—For  
2           purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,  
3           the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall  
4           be considered as a gift to the United States.

5           (d) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date  
6           of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
7           to Congress a report on the establishment of the national  
8           cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth  
9           a schedule for such establishment and an estimate of the  
10          costs associated with such establishment.

11          (e) RELATIONSHIP TO CONSTRUCTION AND FIVE  
12          YEAR CAPITAL PLAN.—The requirement to establish a  
13          national cemetery under subsection (a) shall be added to  
14          the current list of priority projects, but should not take  
15          priority over existing projects listed on the National Ceme-  
16          tery Administration’s construction and five-year capital  
17          plan for fiscal year 2008.

18          (f) SOUTHERN COLORADO REGION DEFINED.—In  
19          this Act, the term “southern Colorado region” means the  
20          geographic region consisting of the following Colorado  
21          counties:

22               (1) El Paso.

23               (2) Pueblo.

24               (3) Teller.

25               (4) Fremont.

- 1 (5) Las Animas.
- 2 (6) Huerfano.
- 3 (7) Custer.
- 4 (8) Costilla.
- 5 (9) Alamosa.
- 6 (10) Saguache.
- 7 (11) Conejos.
- 8 (12) Mineral.
- 9 (13) Archuleta.
- 10 (14) Hinsdale.
- 11 (15) Gunnison.
- 12 (16) Pitkin.
- 13 (17) La Plata.
- 14 (18) Montezuma.
- 15 (19) San Juan.
- 16 (20) Ouray.
- 17 (21) San Miguel.
- 18 (22) Dolores.
- 19 (23) Montrose.
- 20 (24) Delta.
- 21 (25) Mesa.
- 22 (26) Crowley.
- 23 (27) Kiowa.
- 24 (28) Bent.
- 25 (29) Baca.