



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

June 5, 2014

**H.R. 2175
World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on May 29, 2014*

H.R. 2175 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to install within the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., an inscription of the words President Roosevelt prayed with the nation on June 6, 1944. The legislation would direct the Secretary to design, procure, and install the inscription; however, federal funds could not be used to prepare or install the inscription. The Secretary would be authorized to accept and spend private donations for the inscription. Under the bill, the proposed addition to the memorial would be subject to the requirements of the Commemorative Works Act.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Based on information from the National Park Service, CBO estimates that the cost to maintain the inscription would be insignificant. Enacting H.R. 2175 would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effects of receiving and spending donated funds would be insignificant. Enacting H.R. 2175 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 2175 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.

On January 7, 2014, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1044, the World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on November 21, 2013. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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