



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 22, 2004

S. 1537

**An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey
to the New Hope Cemetery Association
certain land in the state of Arkansas for use as a cemetery**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 14, 2004

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1537 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill could affect direct spending, but we estimate that any such effects would be negligible. S. 1537 would not affect revenues. S. 1537 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1537 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, for no consideration, 1.1 acres of federal land in Pope County, Arkansas, to the New Hope Cemetery Association for use as a cemetery. According to the Forest Service, the land to be conveyed currently generates no significant receipts and is not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Hence, CBO estimates that conveying it would not significantly affect offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Based on information from the Forest Service, we also estimate that the agency would spend less than \$50,000 in 2005 to complete the proposed conveyance, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.