



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 290
War Memorial Protection Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 25, 2011

H.R. 290 would allow religious symbols to be included as part of any military monument established or acquired by the U.S. government or military memorials established in cooperation with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC).

Under current law, religious symbols are not barred from being used in any military memorials; thus, H.R. 290 would codify current practice. According to the Department of Defense, the National Park Service, and the ABMC, implementing H.R. 290 would not require any new memorials to be built or current memorials to be changed. On that basis, CBO estimates that there would be no costs associated with implementing H.R. 290.

Enacting H.R. 290 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 290 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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