



## H.R. 3229 – NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM AND SOLDIER CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3229 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA) on July 30, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, but was never considered.

H.R. 3229 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 10, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.R. 3229 authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue silver \$1 coins commemorating the United States Infantry for issue in 2012. The bill allows for no more than 350,000 of these coins to be minted. Surcharges on the sale of these coins are to go to the National Infantry Foundation to establish an endowment to support the maintenance of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center once the museums have been completed.

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### BACKGROUND

The National Infantry Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1998 to help fund the construction and operation of a new National Infantry Museum. Current plans would place the new Museum on a 200 acre site just inside the main entrance of Fort Benning in Georgia. The Museum will include artifacts, films, and narratives, as well as interactive exhibits intending to relate stories and experiences from the soldiers of the United States Infantry.

Public admission to the Museum will be free and the Foundation seeks to raise \$70 million to create the Museum. The Museum campus will hold a museum building, a storage and recreation facility, a parade field, and a memorial walk. Funding sources for the operation of the Museum will come from the Museum's shop and café sales, theatre ticket sales, and donations. Currently, the Foundation is unsure of a completion date for the Museum.

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### COST

The Congressional Budget Office did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 3229 as of June 9, 2008.

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