

REMOVING CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS

In the Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Bills



FY2021 Appropriations Bills recognize the need to confront the crisis of systemic racism and remove symbols of hate throughout the country.

Defense

- Provides \$1 million to the Army for the renaming of installations, facilities, roads and streets that bear the name of confederate leaders and officers
 - Report language conforms to language included in the NDAA requiring action on renaming within one year of enactment by the Department and the Service

Financial Services and General Government

- Commission on Federal Naming and Displays – Includes a new provision that creates a commission to identify and recommend name changes or removal of Federal property that is inconsistent with the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion

Interior-Environment

- Includes a provision that prohibits funds for the purchase or display of the Confederate flag in national parks with the exception of specific circumstances where flags provide historical context
- Includes a provision requiring the National Park Service to remove Confederate monuments from public display
- Includes a provision requiring the Department of the Interior to conduct an inventory of all assets with confederate name

Legislative Branch

- Includes language directing the Architect of the Capitol to remove statues or busts in the U.S. Capitol that represent figures who participated in the Confederate Army or government, as well as the statues of individuals with unambiguous records of racial intolerance: Charles Aycock, John C. Calhoun, and James Paul Clarke, and the bust of Roger B. Taney

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

- Includes a new provision to prohibit military construction projects on installations named for confederate officers until a process has been initiated to replace the name of those installations