

Bill as Introduced

HB 1455 - AS INTRODUCED

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2010 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL **1455**

AN ACT establishing a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

SPONSORS: Rep. Watters, Straf 4; Rep. Cali-Pitts, Rock 16; Rep. M. Rollo, Straf 2; Rep. K. Roberts, Ches 3; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

AN ACT establishing a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to create a monument to
2 acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 (c) One member from the department of cultural resources, appointed by the
9 department.

10 (d) One member from the New Hampshire state council on the arts, appointed by the
11 state council.

12 (e) One member from the New Hampshire historical society, appointed by the society.

13 (f) One member from the university of New Hampshire, appointed by the president of the
14 university.

15 (g) One member of African American heritage, appointed by the governor.

16 (h) One member of Native American heritage, appointed by the governor.

17 II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
18 attending to the duties of the commission.

19 3 Duties. The commission shall:

20 I. Supervise volunteer research to determine the names and numbers of people enslaved in
21 New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

22 II. Solicit and recommend a monument design and location on or near the state house
23 complex.

24 III. Designate a non-profit entity to act as fiscal agent for collection and expenditure of
25 private funds raised for the creation of the monument.

26 IV. Solicit input from state social and religious organizations, such as the Portsmouth
27 Black Heritage Trail, the Harriet Wilson Project, and the National Association for the Advance of
28 Colored People.

29 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among
30 the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member.

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1 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.

2 Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

3 5 Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
4 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
5 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2010.

6 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Amendments

Amendment to HB 1455

"Not Adopted"

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 2-4 with the following:
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Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1455

BILL TITLE: establishing a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

DATE: January 26, 2010

LOB ROOM: 201 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:17 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 12:11 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Bouchard, Campbell, Cloutier, Derandean, C. Brown, Cye Long, Sprague, Mann, Ramsey, White, Chandler, Graham, Rausch, Gionet, Ingram, McConkey, Bailey, Kolodziej and Seidel

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TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

1. **Y: Rep. David Watters, prime sponsor.**

Submitted written testimony in the bill's support and reviewed testimony with committee.

Also at the hearing's start, submitted Amendment #2010-0135h that would change the legislative commission mentioned in the original bill to a legislative committee in accordance with a change in House rules allowing only legislative committees for such matters covered by HB 1455. The change was approved by the full House on January 6, 2010.

In response to Rep. Campbell's question, he said he would be open to amending the bill so to as state "a monument or permanent exhibit".

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Rep. David Watters, Prime Sponsor - (Continued from Page One)

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2. Y: Valerie Cunningham of Portsmouth, representing African American Resource Center.

Long-time Portsmouth resident, who recounted growing up in Portsmouth in the 1950's as well as participating in the civil rights movement.

Said she hasn't seen a Civil War monument yet that mentions slavery at all. Among other points, reminded committee that slavery wasn't officially abolished in New Hampshire in 1857. Also reminded committee of discrimination against African- Africans in the state until it was officially eliminated by passage of the federal Civil Rights Act in 1964.

Stated that she doesn't need any money from the bill.

Furthermore, briefly described 1779 petition of 20 African-American N.H. slaves asking the state legislature to abolish slavery.

Said the details of the proposed monument should be left to the bill's commission or committee including names of all New Hampshire slaves.

Said the 1645-1840 dates mentioned in the bill include only African-American slaves. Said she didn't include Native American slaves, as well as slaves from other cultures before 1645 or after 1840.

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3. Y: Rep. Kris Roberts, co-sponsor.

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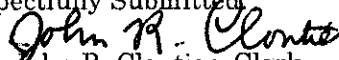
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Hearing ended at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rep. John R. Cloutier, Clerk

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Res. John H. Carter
Clerk

Testimony

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Rep. David Watters
Strafford 4

Testimony in support of HB 1455, AN ACT establishing a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

Due to the recent House of Representatives rules changes governing commissions, I have prepared an amended version of the bill, so I will speak to that amendment.

In June of 1840, Abram Whittemore of Hollis, New Hampshire, completed the census enumeration for the town. He duly noted that the family of B. G. Searle, a farmer, contained among its ten members one enslaved female between the ages of ten and twenty-four. Perhaps without realizing the significance, the census taker thus recorded the last person known to have lived deprived of freedom in the state. How many people today in New Hampshire realize the significance, or know that thousands of African Americans and Native Americans had been enslaved in New Hampshire since the first legally recorded slave in Portsmouth in 1645? Or how many realize that New Hampshire did not legally end slavery until 1645? Or that hundreds of New Hampshire African American slaves served in the American Revolution, freedom fighters at Bunker Hill, the Battle of Rhode Island, and Saratoga, for an emerging state that held them in slavery? Or that Ona Marie Judge, enslaved by Martha Washington, escaped from President Washington's house in Philadelphia and hid in New Hampshire for decades, pursued by Washington and his agents? Or that scores of Native Americans were captured in a sham battle in Dover in 1676 and sold into slavery?

House Bill 1455 is designed to ensure that this history will not be forgotten again, but will become part of the freedom stories commemorated publicly in or near the Capitol complex. Monuments preserve historical memory, affirm public, cherished values, and provide a public site for visitation and education. The task of the commission is fourfold: to encourage the gathering of the names of enslaved persons, so a record can inform the design of the monument; to solicit designs; to consider potential monument sites; and to consider a non-profit to supervise funds raised privately for the creation of the monument.

Why is a monument necessary?

As author Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison remarked, "It is never too late to honor the dead. It's never too late to applaud the living who do them honor." As she wrote in "A Bench by the Road," "There is no place you or I can go, to think about or not think about, to summon the presences of, or recollect the absences of slaves; nothing that reminds us of the ones who made the journey and of those who did not make it." She argues that a monument is "not only for black people. It could suggest the moral clarity among white people when they were at their best, when they risked something, when they didn't have

to risk and could have chosen to be silent; there's no monument for that either." Thus a monument necessarily reminds us of people black and white who fought to end slavery, a history in which New Hampshire people, such as John Parker Hale, Abby Kelly Foster, Ichabod Goodwin, and countless others acted courageously. This commission and the resulting monument would encourage education and community efforts. The legislation is crafted to begin a process, with subsequent decisions about an approved design and site to be made through further legislative action and the necessary involvement of committees, such as the Historical Committee of the legislature, and consulted state agencies, such as the Department of Historical Resources, the NH Commission on the Arts, and organizations, such as the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail, the NAACP, the Harriet Wilson Project, and Native American groups. As the recent example of the creation of a monument for Harriet Wilson in Milford and the proposed park and monument for the Portsmouth Negro Burying Ground have demonstrated, the creation of monuments educates the public, strengthens community, and encourages cultural and heritage tourism. I agree with Toni Morrison that a monument doesn't have to be "a huge, monumental face cut into a mountain. It can be small, some place where you can go put your feet up," or stand, and have a quiet moment of memory and communion.

Why should the legislature be responsible for such a monument on or near the Capitol?

On November 12, 1779, 20 "Natives of Africa, now forcibly detained in Slavery in said State" petitioned the Legislature "to restore us to that State of Liberty," in return for which they offered to fight in the Revolution. They may have asked that that "the Name of Slave may not more be heard in a Land gloriously contending for the Sweets of Freedom," but surely they would not expect that the memory and meaning of slavery would not more be heard. It is this legislature that determined the bill was inexpedient to legislate, and this legislature did not act until 1857. For two centuries, the Colonial and then the State legislatures, meeting in Portsmouth, Exeter, and here in Concord, were the bodies responsible for laws that permitted slavery, so here, at the Capitol, is where a monument belongs. HB 1455 means that this history will be permanently visible, the voice of freedom heard, the known and unknown enslaved persons finally part of the publicly acknowledged history of the state. There already are great monuments to freedom on the State House grounds, statues of Daniel Webster and John Parker Hale, a replica of the Liberty Bell. A monument for enslaved persons engages these monuments in a conversation about the meaning of liberty and about the centuries of struggle to realize Jefferson's words that all persons "are created equal."

In conclusion, HB 1455 means New Hampshire won't forget its history, and that citizens who come to the capitol will truly know what freedom means.

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Tuesday, January 26, 2010 10:46:18 AM

From: Jeff.Bolster@unh.edu

To: ~HousePublicWorksandHighways@leg.state.nh.us

Good Morning Representatives:

I am in full support of HB 1455, an act to establish a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in NH from 1645 to 1840. As a nation we live with a peculiar past: our freedom and our slavery were long joined at the hip. That wasn't just the case in the American South, but everywhere, including New Hampshire. No other nation in the world can point to that particular entwining of slavery and freedom, and it is important that we keep sight of it. To that end, I firmly support HB 1455. Certain people in our province and state long enslaved other people in our province and state. No reparations were ever made. The least we can do is keep alive the memory of that part of the past. Thank you for your support of this bill.

Sincerely,

W. Jeffrey Bolster

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In support of HB 1455

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 10:14:11 AM

From: nancy@atlanticmedia.com

To: ~HousePublicWorksandHighways@leg.state.nh.us

I am in complete support HB 1455. I believe that there should be a statewide monument at the capitol to acknowledge enslaved persons, African Americans and Native Americans, who struggled for freedom for nearly two centuries here in New Hampshire. I think many of us forget that we "white" people were not the first people here, nor were we alone when we built this State from it's beginnings to where it is today. Creating a monument would not only acknowledge these groups of people, but it will be a great teaching tool for those who don't know our complete history.

Thank you.

Nancy Beach
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Tuesday, January 26, 2010 10:06:06 AM

From: John@aptlegal.com

To: ~HousePublicWorksandHighways@leg.state.nh.us

Cc: dorothy@atlanticmedia.com

As a Newmarket, N.H. resident I strongly support HB1455. Who of us has not looked on while aall sorts of countries, institutions and people have refused to acknowledge their less than perfect past all the while thinking I would step up honorably and do the right thing? Well, the time is here and now to put this one acknowledgement behind us. Yes on HB1455. John L. Ahlgren

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RE: HB 1455

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 9:40:36 AM

From: lizdoucette@atlanticmedia.com

To: ~HousePublicWorksandHighways@leg.state.nh.us

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB 1455. This bill establishes a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840. It is long overdue.

The NAACP, at its most recent convention, asked that there should be a statewide monument at the capitol to acknowledge enslaved persons, African Americans and Native Americans. It is very important for our country, our state, to honor the enslaved people who struggled for freedom for nearly two centuries and who in our present generation still carry the memories of that struggle. I trust that NEW HAMPSHIRE will become the first state in New England with such a monument.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Elizabeth Doucette
PBHT Executive Board Member

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Tuesday, January 26, 2010 8:54:11 AM

From: ewright@rivier.edu

To: ~HousePublicWorksandHighways@leg.state.nh.us

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of House Bill 1455.

As an educator and researcher in the field of public memory, I recognize the great importance of NH recognizing its role in slavery in America. As we acknowledge many other pieces of history, this piece needs to be seen. Too few people know of this part of history.

Support of the bill adds to our past, present and future. It recognizes and tells a history too long forgotten; it makes the people of today richer; it ensures that we work toward an ethical and just future.

Please support this bill.

Many thanks.

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support for HB 1455

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 8:36:06 AM

From: Wanda.Mitchell@unh.edu

To: ~HousePublicWorksandHighways@leg.state.nh.us

Cc: david.watters@unh.edu

January 26, 2010

Dear New Hampshire Legislators:

I am writing to express my support for HB 1455, an act to establish a Commission to oversee the creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

Regretfully, I am unable to attend the hearing due to a schedule conflict, so I am writing this letter to convey my support of the bill.

This is important that the state of New Hampshire pay homage to those disenfranchised persons who lived during the volatile social and political climate in our country and state. The people of New Hampshire must move forward with intentionality on HB 1455 because it sends a strong signal to the country that the lawmakers and citizens of New Hampshire are committed to stopping future injustice and protecting civil rights in 2010 by recognizing the need to right the past.

A statewide monument at the capitol would acknowledge enslaved persons, African Americans and Native Americans, who struggled for freedom for nearly two centuries.

On behalf of justice and truth I urge you, not to wait and to use your power to influence change. Waiting can be destructive. Waiting for the right time to do the right thing permits injustices to continue and possibly to flourish.

Many thanks to David Watters and other legislators for their continued efforts to champion, support, and provide leadership to promote a more inclusive community that advances all aspects of diversity throughout the state of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Wanda S. Mitchell
Resident of Rockingham County

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*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more
and become more, you are a leader."* John Quincy Adams

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1455

BILL TITLE: establishing a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

DATE: February 2, 2010

LOB ROOM: 201

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. John R. Cloutier, Moved OLS Document #: 2010 0135h

Sponsor: Rep. David B. Campbell, Seconded OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

**Defeated Unanimously by
Voice Vote**

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Candace W. Bouchard

Approved 18-0

Seconded by Rep. Gene G. Chandler

Vote: 18-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

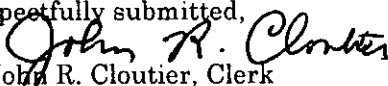
Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 18-0 (YES)

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John R. Cloutier, Clerk

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Exec Session Date: 02/02/10

Motion: ITL

Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Bouchard, Candace C W, Chairman	✓	
Campbell, David B, V Chairman	✓	
Cloutier, John R, Clerk	✓	
Lerandean, Alfred C	✓	
Brown, Carole M	✓	
Cyr, James E	✓	
Long, Patrick T	~~~~~ ABSENT ~~~~~	
Sprague, Dale R	~~~~~ ABSENT ~~~~~	
Mann, Maureen R	✓	
Ramsey, Peter E	✓	
White, Andrew A	✓	
Chandler, Gene G	✓	
Graham, John A	✓	
Rausch, James B	✓	
Gionet, Edmond D	✓	
Ingram, Russell F	✓	
McConkey, Mark E	✓	
Bailey, Clinton W	✓	
Kolodziej, Walter	✓	
Seidel, Carl W	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	18	0

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 3, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS to
which was referred HB1455,

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persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

Having considered the same, report the same with the
following Resolution: **RESOLVED**, That it is
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Candace C W Bouchard

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
Bill Number:	HB1455
Title:	establishing a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.
Date:	February 3, 2010
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The sponsor and supporters presented very informative and detailed history of persons enslaved in NH from 1645-1840. The committee agreed this history should be preserved. The majority of the committee believes the duties of the proposed commission to research names and numbers of people enslaved, recommend design, find a location on, or near the State House complex, solicit input from various groups and designate a non-profit to act as the fiscal agent can and should be done without establishing a commission as a first step in developing a defined bill for a monument. Some committee members believe instead of a monument, an exhibit would best accomplish the sponsors intent to educate the public, strengthen the community and encourage cultural and heritage tourism.

Vote 18-0.

Rep. Candace C W Bouchard
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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Rep. Candace C W Bouchard for PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS. The sponsor and supporters presented very informative and detailed history of persons enslaved in NH from 1645-1840. The committee agreed this history should be preserved. The majority of the committee believes the duties of the proposed commission to research names and numbers of people enslaved, recommend design, find a location on, or near the State House complex, solicit input from various groups and designate a non-profit to act as the fiscal agent can and should be done without establishing a commission as a first step in developing a defined bill for a monument. Some committee members believe instead of a monument, an exhibit would best accomplish the sponsors intent to educate the public, strengthen the community and encourage cultural and heritage tourism. **Vote 18-0.**

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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For the Committee**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

BILL NUMBER: HB 1455

TITLE: establishing a commission to oversee creation of a monument to acknowledge and commemorate persons enslaved in New Hampshire from 1645 to 1840.

DATE: 2-2-10 CONSENT CALENDAR YES NO

OUGHT TO PASS

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

RE-REFER

REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT (Include Committee Vote)

Vote. 18-0

Candace White Bouchard
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FOR THE COMMITTEE

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USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

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a Monument, + including commission
to give advice on timeline.

attached