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# S. 996

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Colorado Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2001

Mr. ALLARD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Colorado Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY IN**  
4                       **COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, METRO-**  
5                       **POLITAN AREA.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
7 shall establish, in accordance with chapter 24 of title 38,  
8 United States Code, a national cemetery in the Colorado  
9 Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area to serve the needs  
10 of veterans and their families.

1 (b) CONSULTATION IN SELECTION OF SITE.—Before  
 2 selecting the site for the national cemetery established  
 3 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

4 (1) appropriate officials of the State of Colo-  
 5 rado and local officials of the Colorado Springs met-  
 6 ropolitan area; and

7 (2) appropriate officials of the United States,  
 8 including the Administrator of General Services,  
 9 with respect to land belonging to the United States  
 10 in that area that would be suitable to establish the  
 11 national cemetery under subsection (a).

12 (c) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PARCEL  
 13 OF LAND.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept  
 15 on behalf of the United States the gift of an appro-  
 16 priate parcel of real property. The Secretary shall  
 17 have administrative jurisdiction over such parcel of  
 18 real property, and shall use such parcel to establish  
 19 the national cemetery under subsection (a).

20 (2) INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF GIFT.—For  
 21 purposes of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes,  
 22 the real property accepted under paragraph (1) shall  
 23 be considered as a gift to the United States.

24 (d) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date  
 25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit

1 to Congress a report on the establishment of the national  
2 cemetery under subsection (a). The report shall set forth  
3 a schedule for the establishment of the national cemetery  
4 and an estimate of the costs associated with the establish-  
5 ment of the national cemetery.

