

# Committee on Natural Resources

Rob Bishop Chairman  
Mark-Up Memorandum

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To: All Natural Resources Committee Members

From: Majority Committee Staff – Aniela Butler  
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x 6-7736)

Mark-Up: **H.R. 4564 (Rep. Joseph Crowley)**, To redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as "Robert Emmet Park", and for other purposes.  
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## **H.R. 4564 (Rep. Joseph Crowley), “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2016”**

### **Summary of the Bill**

H.R. 4564, introduced by Representative Joseph Crowley (D-NY-14), is a bipartisan bill that renames a small triangular property in Washington, D.C. as “Robert Emmet Park.”

### **Cosponsors**

Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA-13), Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL-7), Rep. Michael Doyle (D-PA-14), Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY-16), Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick (R-PA-8), Rep. Christopher Gibson (R-NY-19), Rep. Joseph Kennedy III (D-MA-4), Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-5), Rep. Peter King (R-NY-2), Rep. James McGovern (D-MA-2), Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA-1), Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY-4), Rep. Thomas Rooney (R-FL-17), Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ-4)

### **Background**

H.R. 4564 would rename National Park Service (NPS) Reservation 302, located at the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts Avenue Northwest in the District of Columbia, as Robert Emmet Park. Robert Emmet is a prominent historical figure known for his role in the Irish Rebellion of 1803 and his classic, “Speech from the Dock,” which inspired future efforts to gain Irish Independence. The .08 acre triangular property currently features a nearly 100 year-old statue of Robert Emmet, one of only four in the world of the Irish hero. The bill also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to post informational signage regarding Robert Emmet and his statue in the park.

### **Major Provisions**

- Renames NPS Reservation 302, located in Washington, D.C., as Robert Emmet Park

- Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to post signage on or near the park that provides information on Robert Emmet, including his contributions to the fight for Irish Independence and admiration for America, as well as the history of his statue

**Cost**

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.

**Administration Position**

The Administration's position on this legislation is unknown.

**Anticipated Amendments**

None.

**Effect on Current Law**

None.