

Committee on Natural Resources

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Markup Memorandum

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To: All Natural Resources Committee Members

From: Majority Committee Staff— Chris Esparza
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x66849)

Markup: **H.R. 6064 (Rep. Thomas Suozzi)**, to rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge
September 26, 2018, 10:15 am; 1324 Longworth House Office Building

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Summary of the Bill

H.R. 6064, introduced by Representative Thomas Suozzi (D-NY-03), would rename the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge in honor of former North Shore Congressman Lester Wolff.

Background

Lester Lionel Wolff, born January 4, 1919, served as a public servant for the people of New York for 16 years. A product of New York public schools, Wolff attended New York University where he would later become a lecturer in addition to serving as a member of the Civil Air Patrol.¹ Wolff was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1965 and served eight terms in Congress. During his time in Congress, he served as Chairman of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee and the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control.² He is currently the oldest living former member of Congress.³

In 1968, Wolff successfully pushed to create the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is located on the north shore of Long Island in eastern Nassau County and, in addition to being the largest refuge in the Long Island refuge complex, receives the most public

¹ “Lester Lionel Wolff.” Biographical Directory of the United States Congress.

<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=W000680>

² <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=W000680>;

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lester_L._Wolff

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lester_L._Wolff

use of all the refuges.⁴ Today, the Refuge is especially important for wintering waterfowl such as black ducks, greater scaup, bufflehead, canvasback and long-tailed ducks.⁵

H.R. 6064 renames the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge as the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge. The renaming does not modify the Refuge's boundaries, alter any regulations, change existing management, or authorize new funding.

Cost

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

Administration Position

Unknown.

Anticipated Amendment

No amendments anticipated.

Effect on Current Law (Ramseyer)

None.

⁴ "Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge." U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Oyster_Bay/about.html

⁵ Id.