



RPC Highlight

H.R. 4285 – STARS Act

Sponsored by Rep. Celest Maloy (UT-02)

RPC Region 14

Bill Summary:

This legislation directs the Secretary of the Interior to make Constitution Day an entrance-fee free day in 2026 for all National Park Service sites to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Policy Background:

On November 25, 2025 the Department of the Interior announced its modernization plan for National Park access including digital passes and a new U.S. resident focused fee structure. DOI Also announced the resident-only fee free days for 2026 which include:

- President's Day (February 16, 2026)
- Memorial Day (May 25, 2026)
- Flag Day/President Trump's birthday (June 14, 2026)
- Independence Day weekend (July 3–5, 2026)
- 10th Birthday of the National Park Service (August 25, 2026)
- Constitution Day (Sept. 17, 2026)
- Theodore Roosevelt's birthday (Oct. 27, 2026)
- Veteran's Day (November 11, 2026)

Information from the Lead Sponsor's Office:

Press Release, July 15, 2025.

Committee Action:

This legislation received a markup and was reported favorably by the House Natural Resources Committee on July 23, 2025, by Unanimous Consent.