



Bicentennial activities to be planned for War of 1812, Star Spangled Banner



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The forthcoming bicentennial of the War of 1812 may get celebrated with some official activities around here. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved and sent to the Senate floor the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act (S. 518). The bill would create a commission to organize activities to commemorate the war and events leading up to it.

The commission would have to develop a strategic plan and update it annually. It would terminate at the end of 2015 and get \$500,000 a year in federal funds and could accept private donations.

The commission could plan activities at historic sites, including ones in Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia.

No similar legislation is pending in the House, however.

For details on the bill, see <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:s.00518>: