

No change expected for Mt. McKinley name

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WASHINGTON — Congress is on its way to assuring that the nation's highest mountain peak will continue to be called Mount McKinley.

A bill retaining the McKinley name for the 20,320-foot peak in Alaska is now before the full House Interior Committee after its subcommittee on public lands approved the legislation last Thursday.

Conservationists succeeded

last year in getting Mount McKinley National Park renamed Denali National Park, restoring one of the ancient Indian names for the peak.

Supporters of the change to Denali argued that President William McKinley's name was arbitrarily assigned to the peak although he had no connection with Alaska.

But the change offended lawmakers from Ohio, where McKinley was born.