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H. R. 5001

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24 (legislative day, JUNE 23), 2008

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Old Post Office Build-
3 ing Redevelopment Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING DEFINED.**

5 In this Act, the term “Old Post Office Building”
6 means the land, including any improvements thereon and
7 specifically including the Pavilion Annex, that is located
8 at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., in the District of Co-
9 lumbia, and under the jurisdiction, custody, and control
10 of the General Services Administration.

11 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

12 Congress finds the following:

13 (1) For almost a decade the Subcommittee on
14 Economic Development, Public Buildings, and
15 Emergency Management of the Committee on
16 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
17 Representatives has expressed considerable concern
18 about the waste and neglect of the valuable, historic
19 Old Post Office Building, centrally located in the
20 heart of the Nation’s Capital on Pennsylvania Ave-
21 nue, and has pressed the General Services Adminis-
22 tration to develop and fully use this building.

23 (2) The policy of the Government long has been
24 to preserve and make usable historic properties rath-
25 er than sell them for revenue.

1 (3) Security concerns related to this property's
2 proximity to the White House may hinder the sale
3 of the Old Post Office Building to a private party.

4 (4) On December 28, 2000, the General Serv-
5 ices Administration, pursuant to Public Law 105–
6 277, submitted to the Committee on Transportation
7 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
8 and the Committees on Appropriations and Environ-
9 ment and Public Works of the Senate a plan for the
10 comprehensive redevelopment of the Old Post Office.

11 (5) The Committee on Transportation and In-
12 frastructure approved the redevelopment plan on
13 May 16, 2001, and the Committees on Appropria-
14 tions and Environment and Public Works approved
15 the plan on June 15, 2001.

16 (6) The General Services Administration issued
17 a Request for Expression of Interest in 2004 for de-
18 veloping the Old Post Office Building that generated
19 a healthy, private sector interest, but the General
20 Services Administration has failed to proceed with
21 implementation of the approved redevelopment plan.

22 (7) Redevelopment of the Old Post Office
23 Building will preserve the historic integrity of this
24 unique and important asset, put it to its highest and

1 best use, and provide a lucrative financial return to
2 the Government.

3 **SEC. 4. REDEVELOPMENT OF OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General
5 Services is directed to proceed with redevelopment of the
6 Old Post Office Building, in accordance with existing au-
7 thorities available to the Administrator and consistent
8 with the redevelopment plan previously approved by the
9 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
10 House of Representatives and the Committees on Appro-
11 priations and Environment and Public Works of the Sen-
12 ate.

13 (b) RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUILDING TEN-
14 ANTS.—The Administrator is authorized, notwithstanding
15 section 3307 of title 40, United States Code, and other-
16 wise in accordance with existing authorities available to
17 the Administrator, to provide replacement space for Fed-
18 eral agency tenants housed in the Old Post Office Building
19 whose relocation is necessary for redevelopment of the
20 Building.

21 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General
23 Services shall transmit to the Committee on Transpor-
24 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
25 and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of

1 the Senate a report on any proposed redevelopment agree-
2 ment related to the Old Post Office Building.

3 (b) CONTENTS.—A report transmitted under this sec-
4 tion shall include a summary of a cost-benefit analysis of
5 the proposed development agreement and a description of
6 the material provisions of the proposed agreement.

7 (c) REVIEW BY CONGRESS.—Any proposed develop-
8 ment agreement related to the Old Post Office Building
9 may not become effective until the end of a 30-day period
10 of continuous session of Congress following the date of the
11 transmittal of the report required under this section. For
12 purposes of the preceding sentence, continuity of a session
13 of Congress is broken only by an adjournment sine die,
14 and there shall be excluded from the computation of such
15 30-day period any day during which either House of Con-
16 gress is not in session during an adjournment of more
17 than 3 days to a day certain.

Passed the House of Representatives June 23, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.