

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8543

To authorize the construction of a ballroom on the grounds of the White House, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2026

Mr. FINE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Build the Ballroom
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Under the current structure, the White
9 House is unable to host formal events or state din-

1 ners for over 200 people because of space con-
2 straints.

3 (2) Larger formal events must be held off cam-
4 pus, which risks the security of the president.

5 (3) On March 30, 1981, John Hinckley Jr. shot
6 President Ronald Reagan while he was leaving an
7 event at the Washington Hilton.

8 (4) On April 25th, 2026, Cole Tomas Allen at-
9 tempted to assassinate the President and his guests
10 during White House Correspondents' Association
11 dinner.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that it is now time to build a ballroom located on
14 the grounds of the White House which takes modern secu-
15 rity concerns into account and will be able to serve the
16 Office of the President far into the future.

17 **SEC. 3. CONSTRUCTION OF BALLROOM ON WHITE HOUSE**
18 **GROUND.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
20 President may construct a ballroom on the grounds of the
21 White House that—

22 (1) is planned taking into account the needs of
23 the President and the Executive Office of the Presi-
24 dent;

25 (2) is approved solely by the President;

- 1 (3) includes heating, electricity, and furniture;
- 2 (4) includes removal of any applicable existing
- 3 structures; and
- 4 (5) is constructed as a permanent structure.

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