Public Law 97-186
97th Congress

An Act

To amend Public Law 90-553, to authorize the transfer, conveyance, lease and improvement of, and construction on, certain property in the District of Columbia, for use as a headquarters site for an international organization, as sites for govern­ments of foreign countries, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act approved October 8, 1968 (Public Law 90-553, 82 Stat. 958), is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by striking out “sell or lease” and inserting in lieu thereof: “develop in coordination with the Administrator of General Services for, or to sell, exchange, or lease”;

(2) by striking out “Van Ness Street, Reno Road, and Tilden Street” and inserting in lieu thereof: “Yuma Street, 36th Street, Reno Road, and Tilden Street, except that portion of lot 802 in square 1964, the jurisdiction over which was transferred to the District of Columbia for use as an educational facility”; and

(3) by striking out “he” and inserting “the Secretary”.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of such Act of October 8, 1968 (Public Law 90-553), is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. Upon the request of any foreign government or international organization and with funds provided by such government or organization in advance, the Administrator of General Services is authorized to design, construct, and equip a headquarters building or legation building or related facilities on property conveyed pursuant to the first section of this Act.”.

Sec. 3. Section 3 of such Act of October 8, 1968 (Public Law 90-553), is deleted, and sections 4 to 6 of such Act, inclusive, are renumbered as sections 3 to 5, including references thereto. The first sentence of renumbered section 3 is amended to read as follows “The Act of June 20, 1938 (D.C. Code, secs. 5-413 to 5-428), shall not apply to buildings constructed on property transferred or conveyed pursuant to this Act including section 3 of this Act as in effect January 1, 1980.”.

Sec. 4. Section 4 of such Act of October 8, 1968 (Public Law 90-553), as renumbered by this Act is amended by—

(1) inserting “ demolition or removal of existing structures, site preparation, and the” immediately after “The”;

(2) striking out “and” immediately before “(d)”; and

(3) inserting “(e) other utilities, and (f) related improvements necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act,” immediately after “the fire alarm system,”; and

(4) inserting “or contiguous to” after “within”.

Sec. 5. Section 5 of such Act of October 8, 1968 (Public Law 90-553), as renumbered by this Act is amended by—
(1) inserting "exchange," after "sale" in the first sentence, and by inserting "exchanges," after "sales" in the second sentence thereof; and

(2) adding at the end thereof the following: "The Secretary may retain therefrom a reserve for maintenance and security of those public improvements authorized by this Act which have not been conveyed to a government or international organization under the first section of this Act, and for surveys and plans related to development of additional areas within the Nation's Capital for chancery and diplomatic purposes. Amounts in the reserve will be available only to the extent and in such amounts as provided in advance in appropriations Acts."

SEC. 6. The Act of October 8, 1968 (Public Law 90–553), is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section: "Sec. 6. This Act may be cited as the 'International Center Act'."

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