Public Law 97-155
97th Congress

An Act

Mar. 17, 1982
[H.R. 4625]

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to return to the Federal Republic of Germany certain works of art seized by the United States Army at the end of World War II.

Federal Republic of Germany, return of certain seized works of art.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Secretary of the Army may transfer to the Federal Republic of Germany, without compensation, title to, and custody of, certain works of art seized from the German Government by the United States Army after World War II. Before any such transfer may be made, the Secretary of the Army shall establish an interdepartmental committee to review such works of art. Such committee shall include one member designated by the United States Holocaust Memorial Council (established pursuant to the Act entitled "An Act to establish the United States Memorial Council" (94 Stat. 1547; 36 U.S.C. 1402)). Any such work of art determined by the committee to be inappropriate for such transfer under the provisions of part II, section A, of the Protocol of the Proceedings of the Berlin (Potsdam) Conference of July 17 through August 2, 1945, may not be so transferred.

Prohibition.

(b) No funds of the United States may be expended in connection with any transportation or handling costs incidental to any transfer authorized by subsection (a).

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