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S. 196

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 1997

Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Federal Buildings Con-
5 struction and Alteration Funding Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITIZATION OF FEDERAL BUILDINGS CON-**
2 **STRUCTION AND ALTERATION FUNDING RE-**
3 **QUESTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Public Buildings Act of 1959
5 is amended by inserting after section 6 (40 U.S.C. 605)
6 the following:

7 **“SEC. 6A. PRIORITIZATION OF FEDERAL BUILDINGS CON-**
8 **STRUCTION AND ALTERATION FUNDING RE-**
9 **QUESTS.**

10 “(a) ANNUAL SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—As part
11 of the submission to Congress of the budget of the United
12 States Government for a fiscal year under section 1105
13 of title 31, United States Code, the President shall submit
14 a list, in order of need (as determined in accordance with
15 the regulations issued under subsection (b)), of projects
16 for the construction and alteration of public buildings for
17 which authorizations of appropriations are requested for
18 the fiscal year.

19 “(b) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING NEED.—The Ad-
20 ministrator shall issue regulations specifying merit-based
21 criteria for determining the relative need for a project de-
22 scribed in subsection (a).”.

23 (b) BUILDING PROJECT SURVEYS.—Section 11(b) of
24 the Act (40 U.S.C. 610(b)) is amended by adding at the
25 end the following: “In the case of a surveyed project for

1 the construction or alteration of a public building, the re-
2 port shall specify the relative need (as determined in ac-
3 cordance with the regulations issued under section 6A(b))
4 for the project with respect to all other such surveyed
5 projects that are not approved under section 7(a).”.

