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Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for concerts
to be conducted by the National Symphony Orchestra.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL SYMPHONY OR-**
4 **CHESTRA CONCERTS ON CAPITOL GROUNDS.**

5 The National Park Service (in this resolution referred
6 to as the “sponsor”) may during each of calendar years
7 1999 and 2000 sponsor a series of three concerts by the
8 National Symphony Orchestra (in this resolution each
9 concert referred to as an “event”) on the Capitol Grounds.
10 Such concerts shall be held on Memorial Day, 4th of July,
11 and Labor Day of each such calendar year, or on such
12 alternate dates during that calendar year as the Speaker

1 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
2 Rules and Administration of the Senate may jointly des-
3 ignate.

4 **SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed
6 by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police
7 Board, each event authorized by section 1—

8 (1) shall be free of admission charge and open
9 to the public, with no preferential seating except for
10 security purposes as determined in accordance with
11 section 4, and

12 (2) shall be arranged not to interfere with the
13 needs of Congress.

14 (b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall
15 assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities
16 incident to all activities associated with each event.

17 (c) AUDITS.—Pursuant to section 451 of the Legisla-
18 tive Reorganization Act of 1970 (40 U.S.C. 193m–l), the
19 Comptroller General of the United States shall perform
20 an annual audit of the events for each of calendar years
21 1999 and 2000 and provide a report on each audit to the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chair-
23 man of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administra-
24 tion not later than December 15 of the calendar year for
25 which the audit was performed.

1 **SEC. 3. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT; BROADCASTING;**
 2 **SCHEDULING; OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.**

3 (a) STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.—Subject to the
 4 approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor may
 5 erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplifi-
 6 cation devices, and other related structures and equipment
 7 as may be required for each event.

8 (b) BROADCASTING OF CONCERTS.—Subject to the
 9 restrictions contained in section 4, the concerts held on
 10 Memorial Day and 4th of July (or their alternate dates)
 11 may be broadcast over radio, television, and other media
 12 outlets.

13 (c) SCHEDULING.—In order to permit the setting up
 14 and taking down of structures and equipment and the con-
 15 ducting of dress rehearsals, the Architect of the Capitol
 16 may permit the sponsor to use the West Central Front
 17 of the United States Capitol for each event for not more
 18 than—

- 19 (1) six days if the concert is televised, and
- 20 (2) four days if the concert is not televised.

21 The Architect may not schedule any use under this sub-
 22 section if it would interfere with any concert to be per-
 23 formed by a military band of the United States.

24 (d) ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Architect of
 25 the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized

1 to make any such additional arrangements as may be re-
2 quired to carry out each event.

3 **SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Capitol Police Board shall for
5 each event—

6 (1) provide for all security related needs, and

7 (2) provide for enforcement of the restrictions
8 contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946
9 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales,
10 displays, advertisements, and solicitations on the
11 Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions appli-
12 cable to the Capitol Grounds.

13 (b) EXCEPTION FOR CREDIT TO SPONSORS.—Not-
14 withstanding subsection (a), credits may be appropriately
15 given to private sponsors of an event at the conclusion of
16 any broadcast of the event.

17 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—The Architect of the Capitol
18 and the Capitol Police Board shall enter into an agree-
19 ment with the sponsor, and such other persons partici-
20 pating in an event as the Architect of the Capitol and the
21 Capitol Police Board considers appropriate, under which
22 the sponsor and such persons agree to comply with the
23 requirements of this section. The agreement shall specifi-

- 1 cally prohibit the use for a commercial purpose of any pho-
- 2 tograph taken at, or broadcast production of, the event.

Passed the Senate April 22, 1999.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.