

Union Calendar No. 107

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 116

[Report No. 108-200]

To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2003

Mr. HEFLEY (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MCINNIS, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. BEAUPREZ, and Ms. DEGETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 14, 2003

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 7, 2003]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “New Fitzsimons Re-*
3 *gional Federal Medical Center Act of 2003”.*

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
5 **PROJECTS, FORMER FITZSIMONS ARMY MED-**
6 **ICAL CENTER, AURORA, COLORADO.**

7 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—*The Secretary of Veterans Af-*
8 *fairs may carry out major medical facility projects under*
9 *section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, at the site of*
10 *the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colo-*
11 *rado. Projects to be carried out at such site shall be selected*
12 *by the Secretary and may include inpatient and outpatient*
13 *facilities providing acute, sub-acute, primary, and long-*
14 *term care services. Project costs shall be limited to an*
15 *amount not to exceed a total of \$300,000,000 if a combina-*
16 *tion of direct construction by the Department of Veterans*
17 *Affairs and capital leasing is selected under subsection (b)*
18 *and no more than \$30,000,000 per year in capital leasing*
19 *costs if a leasing option is selected as the sole option under*
20 *subsection (b).*

21 (b) *SELECTION OF CAPITAL OPTION.*—*The Secretary*
22 *of Veterans shall select the capital option to carry out the*
23 *authority provided in subsection (a) of either—*

24 (1) *direct construction by the Department of Vet-*
25 *erans Affairs or a combination of direct construction*
26 *and capital leasing; or*

1 (2) *capital leasing alone.*

2 (c) *CONSULTATION WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—*

3 *The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall consult with the Sec-*
4 *retary of Defense in carrying out this section. Such con-*
5 *sultation shall include consideration of establishing a De-*
6 *partment of Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense joint*
7 *health-care venture at the site of the project or projects*
8 *under subsection (a).*

9 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
10 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans*
11 *Affairs for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for “Construc-*
12 *tion, Major Projects” for the purposes authorized in sub-*
13 *section (a)—*

14 (1) *a total of \$300,000,000, if direct construc-*
15 *tion, or a combination of direct construction and cap-*
16 *ital leasing, is chosen pursuant to subsection (b) for*
17 *purposes of the projects authorized in subsection (a);*
18 *and*

19 (2) *\$30,000,000 for each such fiscal year, if cap-*
20 *ital leasing alone is chosen pursuant to subsection (b)*
21 *for purposes of the projects authorized in subsection*
22 *(a).*

23 (e) *LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sub-*
24 *section (a) may only be carried out using—*

1 (1) *funds appropriated for fiscal year 2004,*
2 *2005, or 2006 pursuant to the authorization of appro-*
3 *priations in subsection (a);*

4 (2) *funds appropriated for Construction, Major*
5 *Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2004 that*
6 *remain available for obligation; and*

7 (3) *funds appropriated for Construction, Major*
8 *Projects, for fiscal year 2004, 2005, or 2006 for a cat-*
9 *egory of activity not specific to a project.*

10 (f) *REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—Not*
11 *later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this*
12 *Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appro-*
13 *priations and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the*
14 *Senate and House of Representatives a report on this sec-*
15 *tion. The report shall include the following:*

16 (1) *Notice of the option selected by the Secretary*
17 *pursuant to subsection (b) to carry out the authority*
18 *provided by subsection (a).*

19 (2) *Information on any further planning re-*
20 *quired to carry out the authority provided in sub-*
21 *section (a).*

22 (3) *Other information of assistance to the com-*
23 *mittees with respect to such authority.*

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