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H. R. 5906

To prohibit the expenditure of funds for the construction or lease of buildings or space in the District of Columbia for the United States Government until January 1, 2012.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2010

Mr. GOHMERT (for himself, Mr. PENCE, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BARTLETT, and Mr. SHADEGG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The debt of the United States Government
6 is over 12 trillion dollars and continues to rise.

1 (2) Congress must tighten its fiscal belt to ease
2 the burden of the increasing debt level on United
3 States taxpayers.

4 (3) The Federal Government has a responsi-
5 bility to the taxpayers to make sacrifices in other
6 areas.

7 (4) Federal funds that otherwise would be spent
8 on new construction or leasing of Federal buildings
9 would be better spent helping the people of the
10 United States by paying down the Nation's debt.

11 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OR LEASING**
12 **OF NEW FEDERAL BUILDINGS IN THE DIS-**
13 **TRICT OF COLUMBIA UNTIL JANUARY 2012.**

14 (a) PROHIBITION.—No funds may be expended for
15 the construction or lease of buildings or space in the Dis-
16 trict of Columbia for any branch of the United States Gov-
17 ernment or any entity within such branch unless a con-
18 tract for the construction or lease was entered into before
19 the date of enactment of this Act.

20 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition in subsection (a)
21 does not apply in any case in which the expenditure of
22 funds for the purposes described in subsection (a) is nec-
23 essary in the interests of national security.

- 1 (c) EXPIRATION.—The prohibition under subsection
2 (a) shall expire on January 1, 2012.

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