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H. R. 6245

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Sell the VA’s Hotel
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SALE BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF** 7 **PERSHING HALL.**

8 (a) SALE REQUIRED.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
10 Affairs shall sell for fair market value Pershing Hall

1 and transfer and convey to the purchaser all right,
2 title, and interest of the United States in or to such
3 property. The Secretary shall determine fair market
4 value based on an independent assessment conducted
5 by another department or agency of the Federal
6 Government or a nongovernmental entity. The Sec-
7 retary may only accept money as consideration for
8 such sale.

9 (2) RETURN OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROP-
10 ERTY.—When the Secretary sells Pershing Hall pur-
11 suant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall return to
12 the American Legion, a United States Corporation,
13 any personal property (including memorabilia re-
14 garding General Pershing and the American Expedi-
15 tionary Forces in France during World War I) in
16 the possession of the Department of Veterans Af-
17 fairs as of the date of the enactment of this sub-
18 section that was located in Pershing Hall (or other-
19 wise associated with Pershing Hall) on the date of
20 such acquisition.

21 (b) FUNDS.—The funds received by the Secretary
22 pursuant to the sale of Pershing Hall under subsection
23 (a) shall be deposited into the General Fund of the Treas-
24 ury. Effective on the date of the sale of Pershing Hall
25 authorized under subsection (a), the Pershing Hall Revolv-

1 ing Fund shall be abolished and the corpus of the fund,
2 including accrued interest, shall be deposited in the Gen-
3 eral Fund of the Treasury.

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