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MOMENT OF SILENCE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF AIRMAN FIRST CLASS KEON TALIK MCDANIEL

(Ms. SCHOLTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Airman First Class Keon Talik McDaniel of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who passed away on June 16 during the influenza outbreak at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Keon was just 25 years old. Keon chose to serve his country, and his passing has left a family grieving, fellow airmen mourning a brother, and a west Michigan community heartbroken.

When someone raises their hand to put on our country's uniform, they make a commitment to all Americans. In return, we owe them a debt of gratitude, our support, and our promise that their service will never be forgotten or taken for granted.

Today, we remember Keon, and we stand with everyone who loved him.

We also keep in our thoughts all those serving in uniform both here at home and abroad and promise to do everything in our power to protect them as they protect us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in standing for a moment of silence to honor Airman First Class Keon McDaniel.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I invite all Members in the Chamber as well as those in the gallery to rise for a moment of silence.

— HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRESNAHAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

— APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for the term ending May 14, 2028:

Dr. David A. Anderson, Bowie, Maryland, to succeed Mrs. Vicky Hartzler.

— COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

JULY 14, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803 (a)), I am pleased to appoint Ms. Cheryl Johnson of Chevy Chase, Maryland to the Congressional Award Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

— CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO HOSTAGE-TAKING AND THE WRONGFUL DETENTION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALS ABROAD—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-173)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022, is to continue in effect beyond July 19, 2026.

Hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals are heinous acts that undermine the rule of law. Terrorist organizations, criminal groups, and other malicious actors who take hostages for financial, political, or other gain—as well as foreign states that engage in the practice of wrongful detention, including for political leverage or to seek concessions from the United States—threaten the integrity of the International political system and the safety of United States nationals and other persons abroad. Hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14078 with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful de-

tention of United States nationals abroad.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 13, 2026.

— COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPOR- TATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, July 14, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On July 14, 2026, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session, with a quorum being present, to consider two resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 14, 2026.

Sincerely,

SAM GRAVES,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure.*

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM VARIOUS BUILDINGS

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for the reconfiguration and renovation of core assets under the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) jurisdiction, custody, or control to support efforts to optimize space configuration and performance; deliver the best value in real estate to GSA's customer agencies across the government; reduce the government's footprint; and achieve significant annual cost savings for taxpayers consistent with the spend plan provided to the Committee on December 3, 2025, dated October 2025, at a total cost of \$254,710,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included as part of this resolution. This resolution amends the Committee resolution adopted by the Committee on July 15, 2025 by providing additional authorization of \$104,710,000.

Provided, that General Services Administration shall not delegate to any agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, an updated Expenditure Plan be submitted to the Committee prior to expenditure of any funds.

Provided further, projects funded shall demonstrate a clear connection to long-term footprint reduction, including but not limited to sale, disposal, relinquishment, or substantial reductions in rentable square footage or financial costs.

Provided further, projects funded conform with the requirements established pursuant to the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-272), including building utilization requirements and notification of milestones to the Committee.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from

the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of the Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the program.

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**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU25

FY 2025 Project Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes the reconfiguration and renovation of core assets under GSA’s jurisdiction, custody, or control to support efforts to optimize space configuration and performance; deliver the best value in real estate to our customer agencies across government; reduce the government’s footprint; and achieve significant annual cost savings for taxpayers. This proposed Optimization Program facilitates GSA’s strategic divestiture of unneeded federally owned assets and reduces the reliance on privately owned space.

FY 2025 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested.....\$425,000,000

Program Summary

As part of GSA’s ongoing efforts to right-size and modernize the Federal Government’s real estate footprint in support of agencies’ missions, GSA is identifying opportunities to optimize space within its inventory of real property assets. GSA continues to partner with federal agencies to transform federal workspaces for the future and to make the federal footprint more sustainable and cost effective for taxpayers. Projects will vary in size by location, agency mission and operations. Funding in this program will help to modernize federally owned buildings under GSA’s jurisdiction, custody and control, as well as fund customer agency tenant improvements, furnishings, equipment, and any necessary move expenses.

Typical projects will include one or more of the following elements:

- Modernization and reconfiguration of existing federally owned space under the jurisdiction, custody and control of GSA to accommodate new customer agency space assignments and the reconfiguration of existing occupied space;
- Rightsizing the federal footprint, including restacking, consolidation, co-location and strategic disposition, to account for anticipated remote and hybrid work arrangements;
- Alterations, building system and technology upgrades, such as fire sprinklers, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, or smart building technology needed as part of a relocation, optimization, consolidation, co-location, disposition, or any combination of the foregoing; and
- Acquiring customer agency furniture, fixtures and equipment, physical move services, or a combination of the foregoing.

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**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU25

Preference will be given to projects that are interrelated to the disposition of assets that no longer support the mission needs of the Federal Government and agency co-location projects that facilitate shared resources and shared special space.

Projects will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Projects that result in a reduction of repair liabilities in core assets;
- Projects that result in an improvement in the utilization of customer agency space assignments;
- Projects that facilitate reductions in the cost to operate and maintain federally owned properties in GSA's portfolio;
- Projects that result in an overall cost savings for the American taxpayer;
- Projects that result in the reduction of unneeded Federally owned space; and
- Projects that result in the release of leased space.

Justification

Executive departments and agencies have been evaluating how their work environments can be structured to most effectively achieve their missions while strengthening their organizations for the future. As federal agencies rethink their workspace and workplace requirements, GSA, as the **government's largest civilian real estate provider of space and services**, plays a key role in helping federal agencies carry out their plans and work to facilitate **the Federal Government's transition to an optimal real estate** footprint that saves taxpayer dollars. Funding for portfolio optimization is essential so that GSA can execute those opportunities in GSA controlled space.

GSA will make critical investments in federally owned GSA assets to allow for the consolidation of federally owned or leased space, the disposal of buildings that do not or cannot meet performance standards and the long-term financial viability of the optimized portfolio.

Federal agencies have identified lack of resources as the main challenge in achieving optimal utilization of workspaces. An optimization program that includes funding for agency tenant improvements, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment, and necessary move expenses will provide more reliable funding to address this challenge.

Overall, the optimization program will result in improved space utilization, cost savings for the American taxpayer and a more sustainable portfolio.

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**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU25

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the PBS-P100, *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA will focus on design and construction opportunities to increase energy and water efficiencies that minimize operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions, incorporate sustainable design principles into projects, reduce the environmental impact of materials, and address climate risk liabilities in a manner that is life cycle cost effective.

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**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU25

Certification of Need

GSA has determined that the proposed Optimization Program is the most practical solution to meeting the strategic priority of **rightsizing and modernizing the federal government's real estate footprint in support of agencies' missions and the American people.**

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 4/1/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adam Carman
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM VARIOUS
BUILDINGS

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which is attached to and included as part of this resolution.

Provided, that General Services Administration shall not delegate to any agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that should the actual costs associated with the relocation of the DOE headquarters be less than the total cost authorized, the Administrator of General Services may expend excess authorized funds on the additional optimization projects only if an Expenditure Plan is submitted to the Committee prior to expenditure of any funds.

Provided further, projects funded shall demonstrate a clear connection to long-term footprint reduction, including but not limited to sale, disposal, relinquishment, or substantial reductions in rentable square footage or financial costs.

Provided further, projects funded conform with the requirements established pursuant to the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (P.L. 118-272), including building utilization requirements and notification of milestones to the Committee.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of the Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the program.

**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU26

FY 2026 Project Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes the reconfiguration, disposal or renovation of assets under GSA's jurisdiction, custody, or control to support efforts to optimize space configuration and performance; deliver the best value in real estate to our customer agencies across government; reduce the government's footprint; and achieve significant annual cost avoidance for taxpayers. This proposed Optimization Program facilitates GSA's strategic divestiture of unneeded federally owned assets and leverages the use of privately owned space.

FY 2026 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested\$364,707,000

Program Summary

As part of GSA's ongoing efforts to right-size and modernize the Federal Government's real estate footprint in support of agencies' missions, GSA is identifying opportunities to optimize space within its inventory of real property assets. GSA continues to partner with federal agencies to transform federal workspaces for the future and to make the federal footprint more sustainable and cost effective for taxpayers. Projects will vary in size by location, agency mission and operations. Funding in this program may be used to modernize federally owned buildings under GSA's jurisdiction, custody and control; fund customer agency tenant improvements, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment in federally-owned or leased space; underwrite any necessary physical move expenses; and develop necessary customer agency requirements.

Typical projects will include one or more of the following elements:

- Modernization and reconfiguration of existing federally owned space under the jurisdiction, custody and control of GSA to accommodate new customer agency space assignments and the reconfiguration of existing occupied space;
- Rightsizing the federal footprint, including restacking, consolidation, co-location and strategic disposition, to account for anticipated in person work arrangements and utilization goals;
- Alterations, building system and technology upgrades, such as fire sprinklers, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, or smart building technology needed as part of a relocation, optimization, consolidation, co-location, disposition, or any combination of the foregoing; and
- Developing agency requirements and acquiring furniture, fixtures and equipment, physical move services, or a combination of the foregoing.

**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU26

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Projects will be evaluated using the following criteria:

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**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU26

Overall, the optimization program will result in improved space utilization, cost savings for the American taxpayer and a more sustainable portfolio.

Summary of Energy, Water, and High-Performance Green Building Compliance

This program will be designed to conform to requirements of PBS Core Building Standards (CBS). GSA will focus on design and construction opportunities to increase energy and water efficiencies to minimize operating costs, incorporate sustainable design principles, and reduce the environmental impact of materials in a manner that is life cycle cost effective in accordance with 42 United States Code 6834.

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**PROSPECTUS - ALTERATION
OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM
VARIOUS BUILDINGS**

Prospectus Number: POP-0001-MU26

Certification of Need

GSA has determined that the proposed Optimization Program is the most practical solution to meeting the strategic priority of rightsizing and modernizing the federal government's real estate footprint.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 6/11/2025

Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Acting Administrator, General Services Administration

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF AG PROGRESS DAYS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 50 years of Penn State's Ag Progress Days.

As one of the top agricultural events in the Commonwealth, this event reflects Pennsylvania's deep agricultural roots and commitment to innovation.

What began as traveling field days in the late 1800s, this event has evolved into one of Pennsylvania's largest agricultural expositions. Each summer, farmers, researchers, students, businesses, and families gather to witness the cutting-edge innovation driving the industry forward.

In Pennsylvania, agriculture is not just an industry, but a way of life, and Ag Progress Days represents the very best of this industry. Every year, the hard work of our producers is highlighted through more than 800 exhibits, ensuring the next generation has the tools to keep Pennsylvania agriculture thriving.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we honor the people whose dedication has shaped Ag Progress Days and made it a lasting tradition.

Congratulations on 50 years of progress supporting rural communities and growing Pennsylvania's future.

CONGRATULATING EDDIE DEAN

(Mr. VINDMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Eddie Dean on his induction into the inaugural class of Madison County High School's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Eddie is a legendary football coach who led the Madison County program from 1967 to 2005. His impressive record includes winning three State championships.

Through Eddie's devotion to coaching, he has built a legacy of hard work, but what makes him so deserving of this recognition is not just what he accomplished on the field, but the time he took to better his players off of it. He instilled in them a sense of community, discipline, and integrity.

Eddie's leadership and unwavering commitment to this program are truly deserving of this recognition, and I am honored to name him this week's Constituent of the Week. I congratulate him and thank him for all he does for these young athletes.

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MACON

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Macon, Georgia.

Organized on June 18, 1826, by the Reverend Benjamin Gildersleeve and Reverend Joseph C. Stiles, the church began with just 25 founding members. Since 1858, its historic sanctuary on Mulberry Street has stood as a landmark of downtown Macon and a fixture on the National Register of Historic Places.

For two centuries, First Presbyterian has served as the mother church to several congregations across middle Georgia and has equipped its members in every area of life through worship, discipline, fellowship, and mission.

Today, First Presbyterian continues to welcome more than 1,000 members, carrying forward a legacy that has spanned wars, revitalization, and generations of middle Georgia families.

I congratulate the leaders and congregation of First Presbyterian Church on this remarkable milestone, and I thank them for 200 years of faithful ministry to the city of Macon.

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DTE POWER OUTAGES

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, shame on DTE. Shame on DTE for throwing swag bags to my residents after they went through 4 days without power. Shame on DTE for increasing our rates just a few months ago to \$242 million and then 2 months later ask us for another \$474.3 million increase.

Shame on you for allowing 400,000 of our families to be without power. We have the most unreliable service in the region, yet we pay the highest rates.

Shame on them for throwing a \$42 reimbursement for spoiled groceries and spoiled medicine, especially when grocery and drug prices have increased. We can't even rely on DTE to get us through the summer storms. This was a 20-minute storm.

Shame on DTE for profiting off our pain.

To my residents, I say: It doesn't have to be like this.

The Michigan Public Service Commission needs to stop approving DTE rate increases and instead hold DTE accountable.

I introduced the Make DTE Pay Act just for that.

Make them pay for polluting our water and our air while hiking up our customer rates.

HONORING THE LEGACY AND LIFE OF LAUREN SHIELDS

(Mr. LAWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary legacy and life of Lauren Shields, who recently passed away at just 26 years old.

Lauren was the definition of a fighter. After receiving a lifesaving heart transplant as a child and a kidney transplant from her mother in 2020, she chose to dedicate her life to serving others.

A proud graduate of Albertus Magnus High School and Dominican University, Lauren became a tireless advocate for organ donation, helping pass Lauren's Law, which expanded New York's organ donor registry, before serving as a community and government affairs liaison at LiveOnNY.

I had the privilege of knowing Lauren. I was proud to call her a friend. Even in passing, Lauren gave hope to others as a tissue donor. Today, thousands of Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. Lauren's legacy reminds us that one decision can save lives and give families more time.

I urge all of my colleagues and all Americans to consider registering as organ donors.

My deepest condolences go out to Lauren's parents, Jeanne and David; her brother, Brandon; and all of her loved ones. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said: It is not length of life, but depth of life.

In her short life, Lauren made the Hudson Valley and our country a better place. May she rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FEDERICO CASTELAN SAYRE

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of my very good friend, Federico Castelan Sayre, a lifelong activist and an accomplished trial attorney whose commitment to justice and public service is second to none.

From an early age, Federico dedicated his life to serving our community. He organized demonstrations against the Vietnam war and helped establish free clinics throughout California. Despite being arrested, beaten, and intimidated, his courage never wavered.

As a trial attorney, Federico carried that same courage into the courtroom, trying more than 200 cases to verdict. He also provided free legal services to United Farm Workers of California. He fought for victims of civil rights all over.

As a proud Mexican American, Federico devoted himself to advancing opportunities and improving conditions for all.

I thank Federico, my good friend, for his good work. He is not forgotten, and we will see him soon.