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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. CON. RES. 71

To require enactment of a resolution by the appropriate House of Congress for each capital improvement project in the United States Capitol area with an estimated total cost greater than \$3,000,000.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21 (legislative day, JUNE 7), 1994

Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND PURPOSE.**

4        (a) SHORT TITLE.—This resolution may be cited as  
5        the “Capital Improvement Control Resolution”.

6        (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this resolution is to  
7        require that each large capital improvement project in the  
8        United States Capitol area with estimated total costs

1 greater than \$3,000,000 be approved by a resolution of  
2 the appropriate House of Congress.

3 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this resolution—

5 (1) the term “United States Capitol area”  
6 means the buildings and grounds of the United  
7 States Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the  
8 congressional offices; and

9 (2) the term “large capital improvement  
10 project” means a project with an estimated total  
11 cost greater than \$3,000,000 involving new con-  
12 struction, reconstruction of existing buildings, or ac-  
13 quisition of equipment with a useful life of greater  
14 than 5 years.

15 **SEC. 3. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESOLUTION.**

16 (a) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESOLUTION.—No  
17 funds shall be obligated for any large capital improvement  
18 project in the United States Capitol area unless the House  
19 of Congress with jurisdiction over the project has approved  
20 the project through the enactment of a resolution de-  
21 scribed in subsection (b) (referred to as a “Capital Im-  
22 provement Resolution”).

23 (b) FORM OF RESOLUTION AND REPORT.—

24 (1) RESOLUTION.—A Capital Improvement  
25 Resolution shall—

1 (A) include a statement specifically approv-  
2 ing the large capital improvement project and  
3 identifying the costs of such project; and

4 (B)(i) if such project only affects 1 House  
5 of Congress, be in the form of a simple resolu-  
6 tion of such House; or

7 (ii) if such project affects both Houses, be  
8 in the form of a concurrent resolution.

9 (2) REPORT.—The resolution shall be accom-  
10 panied by a report from a committee with jurisdic-  
11 tion over the capital improvement project which shall  
12 include—

13 (A) a description of the capital improve-  
14 ment project;

15 (B) the justification for making the capital  
16 improvement;

17 (C) the alternatives considered, including  
18 the costs of the alternatives, and the reasons  
19 for rejecting the alternatives;

20 (D) the total estimated costs for the cap-  
21 ital improvement project; and

22 (E) the maximum amount which may be  
23 appropriated for the project.

1 **SEC. 4. WAIVER OF RESOLUTION.**

2       An affirmative vote of three-fifths of Members of the  
3 appropriate House of Congress, duly chosen and sworn,  
4 shall be required to waive any requirement of this Act.

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