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H. R. 1004

To amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer of surplus real property and surplus personal property to nonprofit organizations for housing use, and to authorize the transfer of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 1997

Mr. BOEHNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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 “Neighborhood Assist-
5 ance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO NONPROFIT**
2 **ORGANIZATIONS FOR HOUSING USE.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER SURPLUS PROPERTY**
4 **FOR HOUSING USE.**—Section 203 of the Federal Property
5 and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 484)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(r) Under such regulations as the Administrator
8 may prescribe, and with the written consent of appropriate
9 local governmental authorities, the Administrator may
10 transfer to any nonprofit organization which exists for the
11 primary purpose of providing housing or housing assist-
12 ance for homeless individuals or families, such surplus real
13 property and surplus personal property, including build-
14 ings, fixtures, and equipment situated thereon, as is need-
15 ed for housing use.

16 “(s)(1) Under such regulations as the Administrator
17 may prescribe, and with the written consent of appropriate
18 local governmental authorities, the Administrator may
19 transfer to any nonprofit organization which exists for the
20 primary purpose of providing housing or housing assist-
21 ance for low-income individuals or families, such surplus
22 real property and surplus personal property, including
23 buildings, fixtures, and equipment situated thereon, as is
24 needed for housing use.

25 “(2) In making transfers under this subsection, the
26 Administrator shall take such action, which may include

1 grant agreements with an organization receiving a grant,
2 as may be necessary to ensure that—

3 “(A) assistance provided under this subsection
4 is used to facilitate and encourage homeownership
5 opportunities through the construction of self-help
6 housing, under terms which require that the person
7 receiving the assistance contribute a significant
8 amount of labor toward the construction; and

9 “(B) the dwellings constructed with property
10 transferred under this subsection shall be quality
11 dwellings that comply with local building and safety
12 codes and standards and shall be available at prices
13 below the prevailing market prices.

14 “(t)(1) If the Administrator transfers a significant
15 portion of a surplus real property, including buildings, fix-
16 tures, and equipment situated thereon, under subsection
17 (r) or (s) of this section, the transfer of the entire surplus
18 real property is deemed to be in compliance with title V
19 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42
20 U.S.C. 11411 et seq.).

21 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘significant portion’
22 means a portion—

23 “(A) that consists of at least five acres;

24 “(B) the fair market value of which ex-
25 ceeds \$100,000;

1 “(C) that represents at least 15 percent of
2 the total acreage of the surplus property; or

3 “(D) the fair market value of which ex-
4 ceeds 15 percent of the fair market value of the
5 surplus property.”.

6 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR**
7 **DONATION TO PROVIDERS OF NECESSARIES**
8 **TO IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AND INDIVID-**
9 **UALS.**

10 Section 203(j)(3)(B) of the Federal Property and Ad-
11 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C.
12 484(j)(3)(B)) is amended by inserting after “homeless in-
13 dividuals” the following: “, providers of assistance to fami-
14 lies or individuals whose annual incomes are below the
15 amount equal to 185 percent of the poverty line (as that
16 term is defined in section 673 of the Community Services
17 Block Grant Act),”.

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