

years, through Fiscal Year 2009. This stage will involve the massive "Center Block" project, during which the Opera House will be overhauled, as well as projects to make improvements to the plaza, improve accessibility to the theaters, install fire and other safety technology, and make a host of other repairs designed to ensure that the facility meets life safety standards.

That brings us to the legislation we are considering today. For the major Phase II projects to get underway, Congress must revise the 1994 Act to authorize appropriate funding for the next several fiscal years. This bill authorizes significant funding levels for the next eleven fiscal years for maintenance as well as capital repair work.

The bill before the Senate is H.R. 3504, the House-passed bill. It is almost identical to S. 2038, legislation that I introduced and that was reported by the Environment and Public Works Committee on June 12, 1998. Because of the similarity in the two bills, we are pleased to pass the House bill without amendment sending it to the President for his signature.

The Kennedy Center is a living Presidential memorial and a national monument, and as such demands a high standard of maintenance and upkeep. As an ex-officio member of the Board, and Chairman of the authorizing Committee, I am dedicated to the appropriate restoration and preservation of the facility, which millions of Americans have enjoyed for more than a quarter of a century.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter from the Congressional Budget Office setting forth the budgetary impacts of this legislation be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, July 23, 1998.

Hon. JOHN H. CHAFEE,  
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3504, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act of 1998.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Christina Hawley Sadoti.

Sincerely,  
JAMES L. BLUM  
(For June E. O'Neill, Director).

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST  
ESTIMATE

*H.R. 3504—John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act of 1998*

Summary: H.R. 3504 would provide additional authorizations in the amount of \$146 million for capital projects, operations, and maintenance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal years 1999 through 2003. Because H.R. 3504 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3504 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA).

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3504 is shown in the following table.

The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorizations under current law:						
Authorization levels .....	20	21	0	0	0	0
Estimated outlays .....	18	20	9	4	3	1
Proposed changes:						
Authorization levels .....		12	34	34	34	32
Estimated outlays .....		4	19	26	30	33
Authorization under H.R. 3504:						
Authorization levels .....	20	33	34	34	34	32
Estimated outlays .....	18	24	29	30	33	34

Basis of estimate: H.R. 3504 would amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to reauthorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center. The bill would authorize spending on maintenance, repair, and security at \$13 million for 1999, \$14 million for each of fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and \$15 million for each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003. Capital projects would be authorized at \$20 million annually for fiscal years 1999-2001, \$19 million for fiscal year 2002, and \$17 million for fiscal year 2003. Currently these functions are authorized through fiscal year 1999—maintenance, repair and security at \$12 million and capital projects at \$9 million. Thus, enactment of H.R. 3504 would result in a net increase in authorizations of \$12 million for fiscal year 1999 and \$146 million over the 1999-2003 period. Assuming that the amounts authorized are appropriated and that spending follows historical outlay patterns, H.R. 3504 would result in increased outlays of \$112 million during fiscal years 1999-2003.

Pay-as-you-go considerations: None.

Intergovernmental and private-sector impact: H.R. 3504 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Previous CBO estimates: On May 6, 1998, CBO provided an identical estimate for H.R. 3504 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. In addition, CBO provided an identical estimate for a similar bill, S. 2038, on May 22, 1998.

Estimate prepared by: Federal Cost: Christina Hawley Sadoti; Impact on State, Local,

and Tribal Governments: Marc Nicole; and Impact on the Private Sector: Jean Wooster.

Estimate approved by: Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3504) was considered read the third time and passed.

**D.C. CONVENTION CENTER AND SPORTS ARENA AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995**

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4237 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4237) to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 and to revise the revenues and activities covered under such Act, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read the third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4237) was read the third time and passed.

**GRANTING A FEDERAL CHARTER TO THE AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES**

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1759, and further, that the Senate now proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1759) to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.