

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4126

To authorize funding for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, (for himself, Mrs. WILSON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. REYES, and Mr. BACA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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 “Palace of the Governors
5 Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS**

2 **EXPANSION.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
4 ings:

5 (1) The United States has an enriched legacy
6 of Hispanic influence in politics, government, eco-
7 nomic development, and cultural expression.

8 (2) The Palace of the Governors has been the
9 center of administrative and cultural activity over a
10 vast region of the Southwest since its construction
11 as New Mexico’s second capitol in Santa Fe by Gov-
12 ernor Pedro de Peralta in 1610.

13 (3) The Palace of the Governors is the oldest
14 continuously occupied public building in the United
15 States and has been occupied for 390 years.

16 (4) Since its creation, the Museum of New Mex-
17 ico has worked to protect and promote Southwest,
18 Hispanic, and Native American arts and crafts.

19 (5) The Palace of the Governors is the history
20 division of the Museum of New Mexico and was once
21 proposed by Teddy Roosevelt to be part of the
22 Smithsonian Museum and known as the “Smithso-
23 nian West.”

24 (6) The Museum has a extensive and priceless
25 collection of the following:

1 (A) Spanish Colonial and Iberian Colonial
2 paintings, including the Sagesser Hyde paint-
3 ings on buffalo hide dating back to 1706.

4 (B) Pre-Columbian Art.

5 (C) Historic artifacts including the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (i) Helmets and armor worn by the
8 Don Juan Onate expedition conquistadors
9 who established the first capital in the
10 United States, San Juan de los Caballeros,
11 in July of 1598.

12 (ii) The Vara Stick used to measure
13 land grants and other real property bound-
14 aries in Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

15 (iii) The Columbus, New Mexico Rail-
16 way Station clock that was shot, stopping
17 the pendulum, freezing for all history the
18 moment when Pancho Villa's raid began,
19 which marks the beginning of the last in-
20 vasion of the continental United States.

21 (iv) The field desk of Brigadier Gen-
22 eral Stephen Watts Kearny who was post-
23 ed to New Mexico during the Mexican War
24 and whose Army of the West traveled the

1 Santa Fe trail to occupy the territories of
2 New Mexico and California.

3 (v) More than 800,000 other historic
4 photographs, guns, costumes, maps, books
5 and handicrafts.

6 (7) The Palace of the Governors and the
7 Sagesser Hyde paintings were designated National
8 Treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preser-
9 vation.

10 (8) The facilities both for exhibiting and stor-
11 age of this irreplaceable collection are so totally in-
12 adequate and dangerously unsuitable that there ex-
13 istence is endangered and their preservation is in
14 jeopardy.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) ANNEX.—The terms “Palace of the Gov-
17 ernors Expansion Annex” and “Annex” mean the
18 Palace of the Governors, Museum of New Mexico ad-
19 dition to be located directly behind the historic Pal-
20 ace of the Governors building at 110 Lincoln Ave-
21 nue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Interior.

24 (c) CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANNEX.—Subject to the
25 availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall award a

1 grant to the State of New Mexico to pay for the Federal
2 share of the costs of the final design, construction, fur-
3 nishing, and equipping of the Palace of the Governors Ex-
4 pansion Annex.

5 (d) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to receive a grant
7 awarded under subsection (c), the State of New
8 Mexico, acting through the Office of Cultural Affairs
9 of the State—

10 (A) shall submit to the Secretary, within
11 30 days of the date of enactment of this sec-
12 tion, a copy of the architectural blueprints for
13 the Palace of the Governors Expansion Annex.

14 (B) shall exercise due diligence to obtain
15 an appropriation from the New Mexico State
16 Legislature for at least \$8,000,000 for the de-
17 sign, construction, furnishing, and equipping of
18 the Annex.

19 (C) shall exercise due diligence to expedi-
20 tiously execute a memorandum of under-
21 standing recognizing that time is of the essence
22 for the construction for the Annex because
23 2010 marks the 400th anniversary of the con-
24 tinuous occupation and use of the Palace of the
25 Governors.

1 (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The
2 memorandum of understanding described in para-
3 graph (1) shall provide—

4 (A) the date of completion of the construc-
5 tion of the Annex.

6 (B) that Office of Cultural Affairs shall
7 award the contract for construction of the
8 Annex in accordance with the New Mexico Pro-
9 curement Code; and

10 (C) that the contract for the construction
11 of the Annex shall be awarded pursuant to a
12 competitive bidding process.

13 (3) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
14 the costs described in subsection (c) shall be 50 per-
15 cent.

16 (4) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
17 share of the costs described in section (c) shall be
18 in cash or in kind fairly evaluated, including land,
19 art and artifact collections, plant, equipment, or
20 services. The non-Federal share shall include any
21 contribution received by the State of New Mexico for
22 the design, land acquisition, library acquisition, li-
23 brary renovation, Palace of the Governors conserva-
24 tion, and construction, furnishing, equipping of the
25 Annex, or donations of art collections to the Mu-

1 seum of New Mexico prior to the date of enactment
2 of this section. The non-Federal share of the costs
3 described in subsection (c) shall include the fol-
4 lowing:

5 (A) Cost of the land at 110 Lincoln Ave-
6 nue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

7 (B) Library acquisition expenditures.

8 (C) Library renovation expenditures.

9 (D) Palace conservation expenditures.

10 (E) New Mexico Foundation and other en-
11 dowment funds.

12 (F) Donations of art collections or other
13 artifacts.

14 (e) USE OF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION—FUR-
15 NISHING AND EQUIPMENT.—Subject to funds being ap-
16 propriated, the funds received under a grant awarded
17 under subsection (c) shall be used only for the final design,
18 construction, management, inspection, furnishing, and
19 equipment of the Annex.

20 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to award
22 the grant described in subsection (c) a total of
23 \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and succeeding fiscal
24 years. Funds appropriated pursuant to this authorization
25 of appropriations shall remain available until the grant is

1 awarded, but the authority of the Secretary to award the
2 grant is conditioned upon the New Mexico State legisla-
3 ture appropriating at least \$8,000,000 as provided in sub-
4 section (d)(1)(B) before January 1, 2010, and other non-
5 Federal sources providing enough funds, when combined
6 with the New Mexico State legislature appropriations, to
7 ensure that the grant is based on a fifty-fifty match.

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