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106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4126

[Report No. 106-917]

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## 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

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Additional sponsor: Mr. PASTOR

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## 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”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS**  
7 **EXPANSION.**

8       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
9 ings:

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

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

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

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

24           (5) The Palace of the Governors is the history  
25 division of the Museum of New Mexico and was once

1 proposed by Teddy Roosevelt to be part of the  
2 Smithsonian Museum and known as the “Smithso-  
3 nian West.”

4 (6) The Museum has an extensive and priceless  
5 collection of the following:

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

9 (B) Pre-Columbian Art.

10 (C) Historic artifacts including the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 (i) Helmets and armor worn by the  
13 Don Juan Onate expedition conquistadors  
14 who established the first capital in the  
15 United States, San Juan de los Caballeros,  
16 in July of 1598.

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

20 (iii) The Columbus, New Mexico Rail-  
21 way Station clock that was shot, stopping  
22 the pendulum, freezing for all history the  
23 moment when Pancho Villa’s raid began,  
24 which marks the beginning of the last in-  
25 vasion of the continental United States.

1 (iv) The field desk of Brigadier Gen-  
2 eral Stephen Watts Kearny who was post-  
3 ed to New Mexico during the Mexican War  
4 and whose Army of the West traveled the  
5 Santa Fe trail to occupy the territories of  
6 New Mexico and California.

7 (v) More than 800,000 other historic  
8 photographs, guns, costumes, maps, books  
9 and handiercrafts.

10 (7) The Palace of the Governors and the  
11 Sagesser Hyde paintings were designated National  
12 Treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preser-  
13 vation.

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

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

3           (c) CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANNEX.—Subject to the  
4           availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall award a  
5           grant to the State of New Mexico to pay for the Federal  
6           share of the costs of the final design, construction, fur-  
7           nishing, and equipping of the Palace of the Governors Ex-  
8           pansion Annex.

9           (d) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to receive a grant  
11           awarded under subsection (c), the State of New  
12           Mexico, acting through the Office of Cultural Affairs  
13           of the State—

14                   (A) shall submit to the Secretary, within  
15                   30 days of the date of enactment of this sec-  
16                   tion, a copy of the architectural blueprints for  
17                   the Palace of the Governors Expansion Annex.

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

23                   (C) shall exercise due diligence to expedi-  
24                   tiously execute a memorandum of under-  
25                   standing recognizing that time is of the essence

1 for the construction for the Annex because  
2 2010 marks the 400th anniversary of the con-  
3 tinuous occupation and use of the Palace of the  
4 Governors.

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

8 (A) the date of completion of the construc-  
9 tion of the Annex.

10 (B) that Office of Cultural Affairs shall  
11 award the contract for construction of the  
12 Annex in accordance with the New Mexico Pro-  
13 curement Code; and

14 (C) that the contract for the construction  
15 of the Annex shall be awarded pursuant to a  
16 competitive bidding process.

17 (3) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of  
18 the costs described in subsection (c) shall be 50 per-  
19 cent.

20 (4) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal  
21 share of the costs described in section (c) shall be  
22 in cash or in kind fairly evaluated, including land,  
23 art and artifact collections, plant, equipment, or  
24 services. The non-Federal share shall include any  
25 contribution received by the State of New Mexico for

1 the design, land acquisition, library acquisition, li-  
2 brary renovation, Palace of the Governors conserva-  
3 tion, and construction, furnishing, equipping of the  
4 Annex, or donations of art collections to the Mu-  
5 seum of New Mexico prior to the date of enactment  
6 of this section. The non-Federal share of the costs  
7 described in subsection (c) shall include the fol-  
8 lowing:

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

11 (B) Library acquisition expenditures.

12 (C) Library renovation expenditures.

13 (D) Palace conservation expenditures.

14 (E) New Mexico Foundation and other en-  
15 dowment funds.

16 (F) Donations of art collections or other  
17 artifacts.

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

24 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
25 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to award

1 the grant described in subsection (c) a total of  
2 \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and succeeding fiscal  
3 years. Funds appropriated pursuant to this authorization  
4 of appropriations shall remain available until the grant is  
5 awarded, but the authority of the Secretary to award the  
6 grant is conditioned upon the New Mexico State legisla-  
7 ture appropriating at least \$8,000,000 as provided in sub-  
8 section (d)(1)(B) before January 1, 2010, and other non-  
9 Federal sources providing enough funds, when combined  
10 with the New Mexico State legislature appropriations, to  
11 ensure that the grant is based on a fifty-fifty match.





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