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S. 2637

To require a land conveyance, Miles City Veterans Administration Medical Complex, Miles City, Montana.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2000

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. BURNS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. LAND CONVEYANCE, MILES CITY VETERANS**
4 **ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL COMPLEX, MILES**
5 **CITY, MONTANA.**

6 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Vet-
7 erans Affairs shall convey, without consideration, to Cus-
8 ter County, Montana (in this section referred to as the
9 “County”), all right, title, and interest of the United
10 States in and to the parcels of real property consisting

1 of the Miles City Veterans Administration Medical Center
2 complex, which has served as a medical and support com-
3 plex for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Miles City,
4 Montana.

5 (b) TIMING OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance re-
6 quired by subsection (a) shall be made as soon as prac-
7 ticable after the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (c) CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance
9 required by subsection (a) shall be subject to the condition
10 that the County—

11 (1) use the parcels conveyed, whether directly
12 or through an agreement with a public or private en-
13 tity, for veterans activities, community and economic
14 development, or such other public purposes as the
15 County considers appropriate; or

16 (2) convey the parcels to an appropriate public
17 or private entity for use for such purposes.

18 (d) CONVEYANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS.—(1) As part
19 of the conveyance required by subsection (a), the Sec-
20 retary may also convey to the County any improvements,
21 equipment, fixtures, and other personal property located
22 on the parcels conveyed under that subsection that are not
23 required by the Secretary.

24 (2) Any conveyance under this subsection shall be
25 without consideration.

1 (e) USE PENDING CONVEYANCE.—Until such time as
2 the real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) is
3 conveyed by deed under this section, the Secretary may
4 continue to lease the real property, together with any im-
5 provements thereon, under the terms and conditions of the
6 current lease of the real property.

7 (f) MAINTENANCE PENDING CONVEYANCE.—The
8 Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the real
9 property to be conveyed under subsection (a), and any im-
10 provements, equipment, fixtures, and other personal prop-
11 erty to be conveyed under subsection (d), in its condition
12 as of the date of the enactment of this Act until such time
13 as the real property, and such improvements, equipment,
14 fixtures, and other personal property are conveyed by deed
15 under this section.

16 (g) POST-CONVEYANCE CONVERSION.—(1) The Sec-
17 retary shall make a grant to the County for purposes of
18 activities by the County to convert and redevelop the real
19 property conveyed under subsection (a), and any improve-
20 ments, equipment, fixtures, and other personal property
21 conveyed under subsection (d), for use in accordance with
22 subsection (e).

23 (2) The amount of the grant under paragraph (1)
24 shall be equal to the amount appropriated pursuant to the
25 authorization of appropriations in subsection (j).

1 (3) The grant under this subsection shall be made
2 as soon as practicable after the date of the conveyance
3 under subsection (a).

4 (h) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The exact acreage and
5 legal description of the real property to be conveyed under
6 subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory
7 to the Secretary.

8 (i) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-
9 retary may require such additional terms and conditions
10 in connection with the conveyance under this section as
11 the Secretary determines appropriate to protect the inter-
12 ests of the United States.

13 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)
14 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the De-
15 partment of Veterans Affairs, \$4,970,000 for purposes of
16 the grant required by subsection (g).

17 (2) Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authoriza-
18 tion of appropriations in paragraph (1) shall remain avail-
19 able until expended.

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