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H. R. 254

To provide for the review by Congress of proposed construction of court facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF NEW CONSTRUC-**
4 **TION FOR FEDERAL COURTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 462 of title 28, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(g)(1) Facilities for holding court may not be con-
9 structed unless—

1 “(A) the Director of the Administrative Office
2 of the United States Courts submits to the Congress
3 a report setting forth the plans for the proposed
4 construction; and

5 “(B) 30 days have elapsed and the Congress
6 has not, before the end of that 30-day period, en-
7 acted a provision of law stating in substance that
8 the Congress disapproves the proposed construction.

9 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), construction of
10 facilities includes the alteration, improvement, remodeling,
11 reconstruction, or enlargement of any building for purposes
12 of holding court.

13 “(3) The 30-day period referred to in paragraph (1)
14 shall be computed by excluding—

15 “(A) the days on which either House is not in
16 session because of an adjournment of more than 3
17 days to a day certain or an adjournment of the Con-
18 gress sine die; and

19 “(B) any Saturday and Sunday, not excluded
20 under subparagraph (A), when either House is not
21 in session.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 462 of
23 title 28, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by inserting before the pe-
2 riod at the end the following: “, and subject to sub-
3 section (g)”;

4 (2) in subsection (c), by inserting before the pe-
5 riod at the end the following: “, and subject to sub-
6 section (g)”;

7 (3) in subsection (f), by inserting “subject to
8 subsection (g),” after “Director requests,”.

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