

SEC. 7. DESIGN GUIDES AND STANDARDS FOR COURT ACCOMMODATIONS.

(a) **REPORT.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, shall submit a report to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that specifies the characteristics of court accommodations that are essential to the provision of due process of law and the safe, fair, and efficient administration of justice by the Federal court system.

(b) DESIGN GUIDES AND STANDARDS.—

(1) **DEVELOPMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and after notice and opportunity for comment, shall develop design guides and standards for Federal court accommodations based on the report submitted under subsection (a). In developing the design guides and standards, the Administrator shall consider space efficiency and the appropriate standards for furnishings.

(2) **USE.**—Notwithstanding section 462 of title 28, United States Code, the design guides and standards developed under paragraph (1) shall be used in the design of court accommodations.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS**Section 1. Short Title.**

Provides that the Act may be cited as the "Public Buildings Reform Act of 1995".

Section 2. Site Selection.

This section provides that in selecting a site for a federal buildings project undertaken by the General Services Administration (GSA), the impact of the site selection on the cost and efficiency of the project shall be considered.

Section 3. Congressional Oversight of Public Buildings Projects.

The purpose of this section is to require a prioritization of GSA projects requiring Congressional approval and to provide Congress with additional information on each GSA project.

The section:

Requires GSA to submit to Congress, as part of an ongoing two year planning cycle, its authorization and appropriations requests, in order of priority, of constructing, altering, purchasing, acquiring or leasing government office space.

Prohibits the Administration from obligating funds for any prospectus-level project unless the project is part of the biennial plan for the fiscal year and unless a prospectus for it is also submitted to and authorized by the appropriate Congressional committees, as required under current law.

Requires the GSA to include additional information in each project prospectus submitted to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for approval. Each prospectus shall include:

(a) a brief description of the project, including scope and tenant agency;

(b) the location of the project and the estimated maximum cost;

(c) the cost benchmark for the project;

(d) the current number of Federal judges and courtrooms as of the date of submission of the prospectus; and

(e) the projected number of Federal judges and courtrooms expected to be accommodated by the proposed project;

(1) the projected figures must be justified by including information on the authorized judicial positions and Federal judges expected to be in senior status.

Gives GSA the emergency authority to submit a prospectus for a project not contained in the biennial plan if there is an overriding interest. Should such a prospectus be submitted under this emergency authority, the prospectus must still be approved by the appropriate committees.

Allows the Administrator to enter into an emergency lease, of no more than 5 years, if there is a Presidentially declared disaster issued pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Provides that should GSA seek a reprogramming request from the Congressional Appropriations Committees for a project, GSA must notify the appropriate committees of the reasons for the request and the reprogramming amount.

Ensures that an 11(b) project request made by Congressional committees are considered as part of the overall biennial planning process and not authorized separately. Included in the 11(b) report will be a priority ranking of the project.

Section 4. Federal Government Asset Management.

This section establishes a central repository at GSA to house the asset management information of the Federal Government. Each agency will identify—through a long-term plan—unneeded, obsolete and underutilized public buildings and annually report the information to GSA. The GSA, in turn, will find cost-effective uses for the public buildings, including asset sales.

Section 5. Addressing Long-Term Government Housing Needs.

This section provides that within one year, each agency shall report to Congress on the long-term housing needs of the agency in an attempt to reduce the Federal space needs. GSA will designate managers to each agency to assist in this review. By the end of the third year, each Federal agency shall, to the maximum extent practicable, reduce by no less than 10 percent its aggregate office or storage space.

Section 6. Moratorium on the Construction of Public Buildings.

This section provides for a nine month moratorium on new construction, purchase or acquisition projects. The moratorium applies only to those projects in which no funds have previously been expended on any phase of the project.

Section 7. Design Guides and Standards for Court Accommodations.

This section provides that no later than 60 days after enactment, GSA, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall submit a report to the appropriate committees on the basic characteristics of court accommodations. GSA shall use the results of this report to develop, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, design guides and standards for Federal court accommodations. These design guides and standards shall then be used in the construction of Federal courthouses.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to repeal the increase in tax on Social Security benefits.

S. 67

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 67, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize

former members of the Armed Forces who are totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to extend eligibility for veterans' burial benefits, funeral benefits, and related benefits for veterans of certain service in the U.S. merchant marine during World War II.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. MACK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the transportation fuels tax applicable to commercial aviation.

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, supra.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. MACK, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. HEFLIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to designate the Federal Courthouse in Decatur, AL, as the "Seybourn H. Lynne Federal Courthouse," and for other purposes.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to increase the amount of credit available to fuel local, regional, and national economic growth by reducing the regulatory burden imposed upon financial institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 684

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 684, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for programs of research regarding Parkinson's disease, and for other purposes.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 692, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve family-held forest lands, and for other purposes.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to authorize the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs to make grants to States and units of local government to assist in providing secure facilities for violent and chronic juvenile offenders, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. HOLLINGS] and the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] were added as cosponsors of S. 798, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of supplemental security income benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit greater flexibility for States to enroll Medicaid beneficiaries in managed care arrangements, to remove barriers preventing the provision of medical assistance under State Medicaid plans through managed care, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 20—PROVIDING FOR THE CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 20

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Thursday, June 29, 1995, or Friday, June 30, 1995, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader or his designee, in accordance with this resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until 12:00 noon on Monday, July 10, 1995, or until such time on that day as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until 12:00 noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House of Representatives adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, June 30, 1995, it stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 1995, or until 12:00 noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this resolution, whichever occurs first.

Sec. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and the House, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

SENATE RESOLUTION 143— COMMENDING C. ABBOTT SAFFOLD

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. FORD, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BYRD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EXON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. NUNN, Mr. PACKWOOD, Mr. PELL, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SIMON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 143

Whereas Abby Saffold has faithfully served the Congress in many capacities over the past 28 years, 25 of which were spent in service to the Senate;

Whereas Abby Saffold was the first woman in the history of the Senate to serve as Secretary for the majority and the first to serve as Secretary for the minority;

Whereas Abby Saffold has at all times discharged the important duties and responsibilities of her office with great efficiency and diligence;

Whereas her dedication, good humor, and exceptional service have earned her the respect and affection of Democratic and Republican Senators as well as their staffs: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate expresses its appreciation to Abby Saffold and commends her for her lengthy, faithful and outstanding service to the Senate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to C. Abbott Saffold.

SENATE RESOLUTION 144—RELATIVE TO HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following

resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

S. RES. 144

Whereas the American people want and deserve the same high quality health care as that received by Members of Congress;

Whereas 41,000,000 Americans are uninsured, more than 11,000,000 of whom are children;

Whereas children have accounted for the largest proportion of the increase in the number of uninsured individuals in recent years;

Whereas the percentage of working people who receive health insurance from their employer has dipped to its lowest point since the early 1980's;

Whereas thousands of the Nation's smallest businesses continue to find the cost of health insurance out of reach;

Whereas many employers who do provide coverage for their employees have been forced to reduce benefits and increase employee cost-sharing requirements in order to continue to provide insurance;

Whereas medical inflation continues to grow at double the general inflation rate;

Whereas choice of health plan and provider is becoming increasingly limited for the vast majority of Americans;

Whereas many American families continue to be subject to discriminatory insurance practices and denied coverage due to pre-existing health conditions;

Whereas the proposed \$450,000,000,000 in medicare and medicaid cuts may lead to increasing numbers of uninsured, higher uncompensated health care costs, and severe cost shifting to the private sector; and

Whereas the status quo is unacceptable and the American public continues to believe that major reform of our country's health care system should be a top priority for Congress: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that, by the end of the 104th Congress, the Senate should pass health care legislation to provide all Americans with coverage that is at least as good as the Senate provides for itself.

SENATE RESOLUTION 145—RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE MINORITY

Mr. DASCHLE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 145

Resolved, That Martin P. Paone be, and he is hereby, elected Secretary for the minority of the Senate, effective July 11, 1995.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to review proposals with regard to disposition of Power Marketing Administrations.

The hearing will take place Wednesday, July 12, 1995 at 9:30 a.m., in room