

part of the Senate that we considered important in helping us proceed with the longer term bill next year—including preserving the budget baseline and providing additional contract authority to the States so that they would not be dependent exclusively on balances of unobligated funds.

I hope this serves as a forewarning to the "Donor" States that they need to be vigilant as we continue to develop a final formula for a multi-year bill.

Chairman SHUSTER and I remain committed to modernizing the ISTEA formulas. Current formulas clearly are indefensible and have the perverse effect of reducing overall support for a strong Federal highway program. I urge the House to approve S. 1519.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and if the gentleman is prepared to yield back his time, I will do the same.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1519.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 1519, the Senate bill just considered and passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

#### AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2979) to authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2979

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. ACQUISITION OF FACILITY IN CULPEPER, VIRGINIA.

(a) ACQUISITION.—The Architect of the Capitol may acquire on behalf of the United States Government by transfer of title, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, the following property:

(1) Three parcels totaling approximately 41 acres, more or less, located in Culpeper County, Virginia, and identified as Culpeper County Tax Parcel Numbers 51-80B, 51-80C, and 51-80D, further described as real estate

(consisting of 15.949 acres) conveyed to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond by deed from Russell H. Inskeep and Jean H. Inskeep, his wife, dated October 1, 1964, and recorded October 7, 1964, in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, in Deed Book 177, page 431, and real estate (consisting of 20.498 acres and consisting of 4.502 acres) conveyed to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond by deed from Russell H. Inskeep and Jean H. Inskeep, his wife, dated November 11, 1974, and recorded November 12, 1974, in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, in Deed Book 247, page 246.

(2) Improvements to such real property.

(b) USES.—Effective on the date on which the Architect of the Capitol acquires the property under subsection (a) such property shall be available to the Librarian of Congress for use as a national audiovisual conservation center.

#### SEC. 2 LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Section 11 of the Act entitled "An Act relating the policing of the buildings of the Library of Congress" approved August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167(j)), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d) For the purposes of this Act, the term 'Library of Congress buildings and grounds' shall include the following property:

"(1) Three parcels totaling approximately 41 acres, more or less, located in Culpeper County, Virginia, and identified as Culpeper County Tax Parcel Numbers 51-80B, 51-80C, and 51-80D, further described as real estate (consisting of 15.949 acres) conveyed to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond by deed from Russell H. Inskeep and Jean H. Inskeep, his wife, dated October 1, 1964, and recorded October 7, 1964, in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, in Deed Book 177, page 431; and real estate (consisting of 20.498 acres and consisting of 4.502 acres) conveyed to Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond by deed from Russell H. Inskeep and Jean H. Inskeep, his wife, dated November 11, 1974, and recorded November 12, 1974, in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court of Culpeper County, Virginia, in Deed Book 247, page 246.

"(2) Improvements to such real property."

#### SEC. 3. ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFERRED GIFT OR TRUST FUNDS.

Gifts or trust funds given to the Library or the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for the structural and mechanical work and refurbishment of Library buildings and grounds specified in section 1 shall be transferred to the Architect of the Capitol to be spent in accordance with the provisions of the first section of the Act of June 29, 1922 (2 U.S.C. 141).

#### SEC. 4. FUND FOR TRANSFERRED FUNDS

There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund consisting of those gift or trust funds transferred to the Architect of the Capitol under section 3. Upon prior approval of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, amounts in the fund shall be available to the Architect of the Capitol, subject to appropriation, to remain available until expended, for the structural and mechanical work and refurbishment of Library buildings and grounds. Such funds shall be available for expenditure in fiscal year 1998, subject to the prior approval of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

#### SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the provisions of this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR INCLUSION OF PROPERTY WITHIN LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect upon the acquisition by the Architect of the Capitol of the property described in section 1.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS] and the gentlewoman from Michigan [Ms. KILPATRICK] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. THOMAS].

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2979 is an attempt at the end of this Congress, in working with the Senate, and the Senate has a bill they are attempting to move on the other side which would authorize the Architect of the Capitol to acquire on behalf of the United States Government a gift of property located in Culpeper, Virginia.

This property is unique in terms of the uses that the Librarian will make of it. As my colleagues may know, in the early 20th century, the then new technology captured the American experience on film and in various forms of audio retention.

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Unfortunately, in the late 19th and early 20th century, the technology produced a product which, over time, can become highly volatile. Many of these early film archives are currently preserved on military bases, much as you would munitions.

Our goal was to seek a facility which would allow the Librarian not only to preserve these artifacts but, in the process of preserving them, make them available for those who might wish to utilize the Library's resources, as they do with books and other artifacts that the Library of Congress now holds.

Since, for example, the acetate film is located on military bases, pretty obviously we cannot just use any building. We are very, very fortunate in having in Culpeper, Virginia, a facility which has been made available which, with relatively minor changes beyond the already wonderful facility that it is, will allow us to accomplish this long-desired goal of the Librarian.

In addition to that, the funds for this facility are a gift. We have some benefactors who are willing to provide the funds that will not only allow us to purchase the Culpeper facility, but funds that will allow us to begin to do the kinds of things that we need to do to it to make it an even more enhanced repository.

So what this bill does is allow us to acquire the property. It provides for the transfer of gifts to the Library trust fund controlled by the authorizing committees, the Committee on House Oversight and the Committee on Rules in the Senate, for appropriated funds controlled by the appropriations committees.

We have incorporated in the bill an amendment that was requested on the Senate side by the minority, agreed to