

# Union Calendar No. 459

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

# H. R. 5001

[Report No. 110-724]

To authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2008

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

JUNE 19, 2008

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 16, 2008]

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Old Post Office Building*  
3 *Redevelopment Act of 2008”.*

4 **SEC. 2. OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING DEFINED.**

5 *In this Act, the term “Old Post Office Building” means*  
6 *the land, including any improvements thereon and specifi-*  
7 *cally including the Pavilion Annex, that is located at 1100*  
8 *Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., in the District of Columbia,*  
9 *and under the jurisdiction, custody, and control of the Gen-*  
10 *eral Services Administration.*

11 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

12 *Congress finds the following:*

13 *(1) For almost a decade the Subcommittee on*  
14 *Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emer-*  
15 *gency Management of the Committee on Transpor-*  
16 *tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-*  
17 *tives has expressed considerable concern about the*  
18 *waste and neglect of the valuable, historic Old Post*  
19 *Office Building, centrally located in the heart of the*  
20 *Nation’s Capital on Pennsylvania Avenue, and has*  
21 *pressed the General Services Administration to de-*  
22 *velop and fully use this building.*

23 *(2) The policy of the Government long has been*  
24 *to preserve and make usable historic properties rather*  
25 *than sell them for revenue.*

1           (3) *Security concerns related to this property's*  
2           *proximity to the White House may hinder the sale of*  
3           *the Old Post Office Building to a private party.*

4           (4) *On December 28, 2000, the General Services*  
5           *Administration, pursuant to Public Law 105–277,*  
6           *submitted to the Committee on Transportation and*  
7           *Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the*  
8           *Committees on Appropriations and Environment and*  
9           *Public Works of the Senate a plan for the comprehen-*  
10          *sive redevelopment of the Old Post Office.*

11          (5) *The Committee on Transportation and Infra-*  
12          *structure approved the redevelopment plan on May*  
13          *16, 2001, and the Committees on Appropriations and*  
14          *Environment and Public Works approved the plan on*  
15          *June 15, 2001.*

16          (6) *The General Services Administration issued*  
17          *a Request for Expression of Interest in 2004 for devel-*  
18          *oping the Old Post Office Building that generated a*  
19          *healthy, private sector interest, but the General Serv-*  
20          *ices Administration has failed to proceed with imple-*  
21          *mentation of the approved redevelopment plan.*

22          (7) *Redevelopment of the Old Post Office Build-*  
23          *ing will preserve the historic integrity of this unique*  
24          *and important asset, put it to its highest and best*

1        *use, and provide a lucrative financial return to the*  
2        *Government.*

3        **SEC. 4. REDEVELOPMENT OF OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

4        *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General*  
5        *Services is directed to proceed with redevelopment of the*  
6        *Old Post Office Building, in accordance with existing au-*  
7        *thorities available to the Administrator and consistent with*  
8        *the redevelopment plan previously approved by the Com-*  
9        *mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House*  
10       *of Representatives and the Committees on Appropriations*  
11       *and Environment and Public Works of the Senate.*

12       *(b) RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUILDING TENANTS.—*  
13       *The Administrator is authorized, notwithstanding section*  
14       *3307 of title 40, United States Code, and otherwise in ac-*  
15       *cordance with existing authorities available to the Adminis-*  
16       *trator, to provide replacement space for Federal agency ten-*  
17       *ants housed in the Old Post Office Building whose reloca-*  
18       *tion is necessary for redevelopment of the Building.*

19       **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

20       *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General*  
21       *Services shall transmit to the Committee on Transportation*  
22       *and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the*  
23       *Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate*  
24       *a report on any proposed redevelopment agreement related*  
25       *to the Old Post Office Building.*

1       **(b) CONTENTS.**—*A report transmitted under this sec-*  
2 *tion shall include a summary of a cost-benefit analysis of*  
3 *the proposed development agreement and a description of*  
4 *the material provisions of the proposed agreement.*

5       **(c) REVIEW BY CONGRESS.**—*Any proposed develop-*  
6 *ment agreement related to the Old Post Office Building may*  
7 *not become effective until the end of a 30-day period of con-*  
8 *tinuous session of Congress following the date of the trans-*  
9 *mittal of the report required under this section. For pur-*  
10 *poses of the preceding sentence, continuity of a session of*  
11 *Congress is broken only by an adjournment sine die, and*  
12 *there shall be excluded from the computation of such 30-*  
13 *day period any day during which either House of Congress*  
14 *is not in session during an adjournment of more than 3*  
15 *days to a day certain.*

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