

Jan. 2, 1947, and section 245 of title II of that act, 60 Stat. 839, provided that section 224 thereof shall “take effect on the day on which the Eightieth Congress convenes”. The Eightieth Congress convened on Jan. 3, 1947.

#### § 2185. Estimates for improvements in grounds

All changes and improvements in the Capitol grounds, including approaches to the Capitol, shall be estimated for in detail, showing what modifications are proposed and the estimate cost of the same.

(Mar. 3, 1883, ch. 143, 22 Stat. 621.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 173 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, § 1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

Section is based on act Mar. 3, 1883, popularly known as the “Sundry Civil Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1884”.

##### SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Enlargement of the Capitol grounds by the acquisition of certain squares in the city of Washington, provided by the following Sundry Civil Appropriation Acts for the fiscal years 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914.

June 23, 1913, ch. 3, 38 Stat. 44.

Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 355, 37 Stat. 454.

Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 285, 36 Stat. 1414.

June 25, 1910, ch. 384, 36 Stat. 738.

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#### SUBCHAPTER I—IN GENERAL

### § 2201. Designation of facility as Capitol Visitor Center; purposes of facility; treatment of the Capitol Visitor Center

#### (a) Designation

The facility authorized for construction under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” under chapter 5 of title II of division B of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-569) is designated as the Capitol Visitor Center and is a part of the Capitol.

#### (b) Purposes of the facility

The Capitol Visitor Center shall be used—

(1) to provide enhanced security for persons working in or visiting the United States Capitol;

(2) to improve the visitor experience by providing a structure that will afford improved visitor orientation and enhance the educational experience of those who have come to learn about the Congress and the Capitol; and

(3) for other purposes as determined by Congress or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

#### (c) Treatment of the Capitol Visitor Center

##### (1) Oversight

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall have oversight of the Capitol Visitor Center.

##### (2) Treatment of expansion space of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Capitol Visitor Center

###### (A) Senate

The expansion space of the Senate described as unassigned space under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” under title II of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes”, approved November 12, 2001 (Public Law 107-68; 115 Stat. 588) shall be part of the Senate wing of the Capitol.

###### (B) House of Representatives

The expansion space of the House of Representatives described as unassigned space under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” under title II of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2002, and for other purposes”, approved November 12, 2001 (Public Law 107-68; 115 Stat. 588) shall be part of the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol.

**(d) Treatment of Congressional Auditorium and related adjacent areas**

**(1) In general**

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall jointly prescribe regulations for the assignment of the space in the Capitol Visitor Center known as the Congressional Auditorium and the related adjacent areas.

**(2) Related adjacent areas**

The regulations under paragraph (1) shall include a designation of the areas that are related adjacent areas to the Congressional Auditorium.

**(e) Omitted**

**(f) Exhibits for displays**

**(1) In general**

**(A) Loan agreements**

Subject to subparagraph (B), the Architect of the Capitol may enter into loan agreements to place historical objects for display in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center.

**(B) Consultation and approval**

The Architect of the Capitol may exercise the authority under subparagraph (A) with respect to each loan agreement—

- (i) after consultation with—
  - (I) the Senate Commission on Art; and
  - (II) the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board; and
- (ii) subject to the approval of—
  - (I) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate; and
  - (II) the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

**(C) Effective date**

This paragraph shall take effect on December 3, 2008.

**(2) Omitted**

**(3) Exceptions to exhibition prohibition**

Section 2134 of this title shall not apply to any historical object placed within an exhibit in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center that—

- (A)(i) is directly related to the purpose of the Capitol Visitor Center under subsection (b)(2);
- (ii) is the subject of a loan agreement entered into by the Architect of the Capitol before December 2, 2008; and
- (iii) has been approved by the Capitol Preservation Commission; or
- (B) is the subject of a loan agreement described under paragraph (1)(A).

**(4) Substitution of historical object**

A loan agreement described under paragraph (3)(A)(ii) may provide for the removal of an

historical object from exhibition for preservation purposes and the substitution of that object with another historical object having a comparable educational purpose.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4984.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Provisions under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” in chapter 5 of title II of division B of Public Law 105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-569, referred to in subsec. (a), are not classified to the Code.

Provisions under the headings “Capitol Visitor Center” and “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” in title II of Public Law 107-68, 115 Stat. 588, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(A), are not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 101 of Pub. L. 110-437. Subsec. (e) of section 101 of Pub. L. 110-437 repealed section 2165 of this title. Subsec. (f)(2) of section 101 of Pub. L. 110-437 amended section 2134 of this title.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 110-437, §1(a), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter, amending sections 130e, 1301, 1331, 1341, and 2134 of this title and sections 2107 and 5379 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, repealing sections 1806, 1807, 1825, 2165, and 2166 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1301 and 1831 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 1831 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008.’”

**§ 2202. Designation and naming within the Capitol Visitor Center**

**(a) In general**

Except as provided under subsection (b), no part of the Capitol Visitor Center may be designated or named without the approval of—

- (1) not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all members on the Capitol Preservation Commission who are members of the Democratic party; and
- (2) not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all members on the Capitol Preservation Commission who are members of the Republican party.

**(b) Exception**

Subsection (a) shall not apply to any room or space under the jurisdiction of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title I, §102, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4986.)

**§ 2203. Use of the Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center**

The Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center may not be used for any event, except upon the passage of a resolution agreed to by both houses of Congress authorizing the use of the Emancipation Hall for that event.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title I, §103, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4986.)

SUBCHAPTER II—OFFICE OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

**§ 2211. Establishment**

There is established within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol the Office of the Capitol