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PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS EXPANSION ACT

SEPTEMBER 29, 2000.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 4126]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4126) to authorize funding for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 4126 is to authorize funding for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Palace of the Governors was built in 1610 and is considered to be the oldest public building in continuous use in the United States. The adobe brick Palace was the first major structure in what became the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico. It served as the seat of government for nearly three centuries during the Spanish, Mexican and American periods.

Today, the building and its grounds are an historical showcase for the Museum of New Mexico. The museum contains an extensive collection of historic artifacts, including pre-Columbian art; helmets and armor worn by Spanish conquistadors; the Columbus, New Mexico Railway Station clock that was shot, stopping the pendulum, marking Pancho Villa's raid and the beginning of the last

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invasion of the continental United States; and more than 800,000 other historic photographs, guns, costumes, maps, books, and handicrafts. The existing facilities for exhibiting and storing the artifacts are inadequate and unsuitable for the proper storage and preservation of the collection.

H.R. 4126 would authorize a $15 million appropriation for the design, construction, management, furnishing, and equipping of the Annex through a grant to the New Mexico State Office of Cultural Affairs. This amount would cover approximately 50 percent of the completion of the Annex. As a matching requirement, the remaining 50 percent must be raised by the State of New Mexico and other non-federal entities. The State of New Mexico must appropriate at least $8 million by 2010 and the other non-federal entities are responsible for the remainder.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4126 was introduced on March 29, 2000, by Congressman Tom Udall (D–NM). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On September 20, 2000, the Full Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands was discharged from further consideration of the bill by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of Rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that Rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. Government Reform Oversight Findings. Under clause 3(c)(4) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and rec-

ommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on this bill.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

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Subject to appropriation, H.R. 4126 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to pay for one-half of the costs of designing, constructing, and furnishing the Palace of the Governors Expansion Annex, a New Mexico state museum. For this purpose, the bill would authorize the appropriation of $15 million, provided that the state of New Mexico and local entities raise a similar amount by the year 2010.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CB0 estimates that implementing this legislation would cost the federal government $15 million over the next 10 fiscal years. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4126 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On April 10, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1727, the Palace of the Governors Expansion Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 5, 2000. The two bills are very similar, and the cost estimates are identical.

The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104–4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.

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