Public Law 89-260

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Architect of the Capitol to construct the third Library of Congress building in square 732 in the District of Columbia to be named the James Madison Memorial Building and to contain a Madison Memorial Hall, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Library of Congress has been critically in need of an additional building for several years and in 1958 submitted to the Joint Committee on the Library justification in support thereof, and the Architect of the Capitol, pursuant to statutory authorization set forth in Public Law 86–469, May 14, 1960, and the appropriation of funds by Public Law 86–628, July 12, 1960, and with the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library, undertook the preparation of preliminary plans and estimates of cost for an additional Library of Congress building of two million square feet, net area, to be constructed on four squares east of the Library Annex and to provide for the Library’s growth for thirty-five years after 1960;

Whereas the James Madison Memorial Commission was established by Act of Congress of April 8, 1960, “for the purpose of considering and formulating plans for the design, construction, and location of a permanent memorial to James Madison in the city of Washington, District of Columbia or its immediate environs”, and, pursuant to said Act, planned and recommended a Madison Memorial Research Library in square 732 which would have been limited to a Madison Memorial Hall and facilities for research by scholars and other experts with an underground annex consisting of three floors in which could be stored the papers of the twenty-three Presidents of the United States and other valuable documents now in the Library of Congress which would be made available for research in the memorial library;

Whereas the House Office Building Commission’s jurisdiction over square 732, which is owned by the United States, and the said Commission’s approval of the Madison Memorial Commission proposal for a Madison Memorial Research Library to be constructed on square 732 resulted in redirecting the preparation of preliminary plans and estimates of cost for an additional Library of Congress building to include, as a part of the Library’s building program, the proposed Madison Memorial Research Library and underground annex, both to be administered by the Librarian of Congress. Such redirection of the Library’s building program as developed and reported to the Joint Committee on the Library in 1961 would have provided about 24 per centum of the Library’s projected new space in the memorial and underground annex and the remaining 76 per centum on two squares east of the annex, in place of the initial plan for a single structure on four squares east of the annex;

Whereas the provision of an additional Library of Congress building is a dire necessity and should be undertaken without further delay and square 732, although limited to about 85 per centum of the space sought in an additional Library of Congress building, is a desirable location for such building, has been cleared of all structures, and would present no delay to building construction;

Whereas the construction of a third Library building in square 732 would render unnecessary at this time the acquisition and use of residential blocks east of the present Library Annex for a Library building; and
Whereas the designation of the Library of Congress third building as the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building and the inclusion of a Madison Memorial Hall would memorialize Madison in such a way as to bring to the attention of the American people and particularly students who come to Washington by the hundreds of thousands each year, the principles of government conceived by Madison which are embodied in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Architect of the Capitol under the direction jointly of the House Office Building Commission, the Senate Office Building Commission, and the Joint Committee on the Library, after consultation with a committee designated by the American Institute of Architects, is authorized and directed to construct (including, but not limited to, the preparation of all necessary designs, plans, and specifications) in square 732 in the District of Columbia a third Library of Congress fireproof building, which shall be known as the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building. The design of such building shall include a Madison Memorial Hall and shall be in keeping with the prevailing architecture of the Federal buildings on Capitol Hill. The Madison Memorial Hall shall be developed in consultation with the James Madison Memorial Commission.

(b) In carrying out his authority under this joint resolution, the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction jointly of the House Office Building Commission, the Senate Office Building Commission, and the Joint Committee on the Library, is authorized (1) to provide for such equipment, such connections with the Capitol Power Plant and other utilities, such access facilities over or under public streets, such changes in the present Library of Congress buildings, such changes in or additions to the present tunnels, and such other appurtenant facilities, as may be necessary, and (2) to do such landscaping as may be necessary by reason of the construction authorized by this joint resolution.

SEC. 2. The structural and mechanical care of the building authorized by this joint resolution and the care of the surrounding grounds shall be under the Architect of the Capitol.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $75,000,000 to construct the building authorized by this joint resolution (including the preparation of all necessary designs, plans, and specifications).

There is also authorized to be appropriated not exceeding $10,000 to pay the expenses of the James Madison Memorial Commission.


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AN ACT

To repeal section 165 of the Revised Statutes relating to the appointment of women to clerkships in the executive departments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 165 of the United States Revised Statutes (5 U.S.C. 33) is hereby repealed.