

HR 2195

Smithsonian Facilities Authorization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Arts, Culture, Religion

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Law: 108-72 (Enacted Aug 15, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Regula, Ralph [R-OH-16]

Party: Republican • State: OH • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Matsui, Robert T. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 21, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	May 21, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Arts, Culture, Religion

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

Smithsonian Facilities Authorization Act - (Sec. 2) Amends Federal law to authorize the Board of Regents (Board) of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip additional special use storage and laboratory space (Pod 5) at the Museum Support Facility in Suitland, Maryland, to accommodate the care, preservation, conservation, deposit, and study of national collections held in trust by the Institution.

Authorize appropriations for FY 2003 through 2008.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes the Board to plan, design, and construct improvements to the interior and exterior of the Patent Office Building (including the construction of a roof covering for the courtyard), using funds available to the Institution from nonappropriated sources.

Requires the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to submit the design and specifications for any Patent Office Building exterior alterations to the Commission of Fine Arts for comments and recommendations, subject to the review and approval of the National Capital Planning Commission.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) take into account the effect of such improvements on the historic character of the Patent Office Building; and (2) provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment on them.

Deems the Smithsonian Institution to be an agency for purposes of compliance with regulations promulgated by the Advisory Council under the National Historic Preservation Act.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Secretary, under the authority of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, to enter into: (1) multi-year contracts for the acquisition of property and services; and (2) contracts for the acquisition of severable services for a period that begins in one fiscal year and ends in the next fiscal year.

(Sec. 5) Authorizes the Secretary to establish a program for making voluntary separation incentive payments for Smithsonian employees which is substantially similar to a specified program established under the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

(Sec. 6) Declares the sense of Congress that: (1) the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History should be commended for establishing a Jazz Appreciation Month; and (2) musicians, schools, colleges, libraries, concert halls, museums, radio and television stations, and other organizations should develop programs to explore, perpetuate, and honor jazz as a national and world treasure.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 15, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Aug 15, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-72.
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- **Aug 7, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **Aug 1, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 31, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR 8/1/2003 S10866-10867)
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- **Jul 16, 2003:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Mr. Ney moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6713-6715)
- **Jul 15, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2195.
- **Jul 15, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6713)
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- **Jul 15, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 22, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **May 21, 2003:** Introduced in House
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