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H. R. 12861

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MR. BROYHILL of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works

A BILL

To authorize the Administrator of General Services to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain certain parking facilities.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Parking Facil-
4 ities Act of 1966".

5 SEC. 2. Congress hereby finds that within most of the
6 metropolitan areas in the United States a critical shortage
7 of off-street parking spaces exists in the immediate vicinity
8 of public buildings owned or leased by the United States
9 and that such shortage creates a parking and transportation
10 problem for these metropolitan areas and for the officers
11 and employees of the Federal Government and members

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1 of the public visiting Federal buildings. Therefore, in order
2 to facilitate the conduct of the business of the United States,
3 it is necessary to provide for the acquisition, construction,
4 operation, and maintenance of certain parking facilities for
5 the Government, its officers and employees, and for members
6 of the public transacting business with the Government.

7 SEC. 3. (a) The Administrator of General Services
8 (hereafter referred to as the "Administrator") is authorized
9 to acquire by purchase, condemnation, donation, exchange,
10 or otherwise such real property or interests therein as he
11 determines necessary to carry out this Act.

12 (b) The Administrator is authorized to construct, alter,
13 operate, and maintain such parking facilities as he deter-
14 mines necessary to carry out this Act.

15 (c) The Administrator is authorized to fix and collect
16 fees for the use of parking facilities subject to this Act.
17 The fees fixed for officers and employees of the Federal
18 Government shall be nominal and shall be fixed taking into
19 consideration the proximity of the parking facility to their
20 place of employment. All proceeds from fees and other
21 charges collected by the Administrator under this Act shall
22 be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

23 (d) The Administrator is authorized to make such rules
24 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act,
25 which shall include, but not be limited to, hours of opera-

1 tion, general administration and management, allocation of
2 parking spaces, and criteria for assignment of parking spaces.

3 (e) The Administrator is authorized to lease parking
4 facilities to carry out this Act and to contract for the opera-
5 tion of any parking facility. Each such lease and each such
6 contract shall—

7 (1) state the amount of the parking fees to be
8 charged users of the facility,

9 (2) authorize official Government vehicles and
10 privately owned vehicles being used for official Govern-
11 ment business to park without charge,

12 (3) authorize the lessee or contractor during
13 specific nonworking hours to permit the public to use
14 the parking facility for reasonable fees and to retain,
15 in whole or in part, the proceeds derived from such fees,

16 (4) require the lessee or contractor to have in force
17 at all times during the period of the lease or contract
18 public liability insurance saving the Government harm-
19 less from all damages arising out of the operation of the
20 parking facility, and

21 (5) contain such other provisions as may be neces-
22 sary to protect the interests of the United States.

23 (f) The Administrator is authorized to carry out any
24 construction or alteration authorized by this Act by contract
25 if he deems it to be most advantageous to the United States.

1 SEC. 4. (a) No appropriation shall be made to con-
2 struct or alter any parking facility, involving an expenditure
3 in excess of \$100,000, to acquire any real property to be
4 used for, or in connection with, any parking facility involving
5 an expenditure in excess of \$100,000, or to pay the cost of
6 leasing any parking facility involving an expenditure in
7 excess of \$100,000, if such construction, alteration, acquisi-
8 tion, or lease has not been approved by resolutions adopted
9 by the Committees on Public Works of the Senate and House
10 of Representatives, respectively. For the purpose of secur-
11 ing consideration of such approval, the Administrator shall
12 transmit to Congress a prospectus of the proposed parking
13 facility including (but not limited to) —

14 (1) a brief description of the parking facility or
15 real property to be constructed, acquired, altered, or
16 leased;

17 (2) the location of the parking facility;

18 (3) the estimated maximum cost to the United
19 States of the proposed parking facility;

20 (4) a statement by the Administrator that a suit-
21 able off-street parking facility owned by the Government
22 is not available and that suitable off-street parking is not
23 otherwise available at fees commensurate with those to
24 be afforded through the proposed action; and

1 (5) a statement of parking fees and costs currently
2 being paid by the Government, its officers and em-
3 ployees, and members of the public visiting Federal
4 buildings who would be served by the proposed park-
5 ing facility.

6 (b) The estimated maximum cost of any project ap-
7 proved under this section as set forth in any prospectus may
8 be increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase,
9 if any, as determined by the Administrator, in construction
10 or alteration costs, as the case may be, from the date of trans-
11 mittal of such prospectus to Congress, but in no event shall
12 the increase authorized by this subsection exceed 10 per
13 centum of such estimated maximum cost.

14 SEC. 5. In carrying out his duties under this Act, the
15 Administrator shall take such action as may be necessary to
16 insure the equitable distribution of parking facilities through-
17 out the United States with due regard for the comparative
18 urgency of need for such facilities, and to that end shall take
19 into consideration the availability of public transportation,
20 other public as well as commercial off-street parking facili-
21 ties, and municipal, regional, and other planning for the
22 future extension or improvement of public transportation
23 and parking facilities.

24 SEC. 6. The Administrator shall make a continuing in-
25 vestigation and survey of the parking needs of the Govern-

1 ment, its officers and employees, and members of the public
2 visiting Federal buildings in order to carry out his duties
3 under this Act, and, as he determines necessary, to submit
4 to Congress prospectuses of proposed parking facilities.

5 SEC. 7. As used in this Act—

6 (1) The term “parking facility” means any struc-
7 ture designed for the off-street parking of motor vehicles
8 of the Government, its officers and employees, and mem-
9 bers of the public visiting Federal buildings.

10 (2) The terms “construct” and “alter” include
11 preliminary planning, engineering, architectural, legal,
12 fiscal, and economic investigations and studies, surveys,
13 designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, pro-
14 cedures, and other similar actions necessary for the
15 construction or alteration of a parking facility.

16 (3) The term “United States” includes the several
17 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
18 of Puerto Rico, and the possessions of the United States.

19 (4) The term “Government” means any depart-
20 ment, agency, or instrumentality of the executive branch
21 of the Federal Government including any wholly owned
22 Government corporation and any establishment in the
23 legislative or judicial branch of the Government except
24 the Senate, House of Representatives, and the Archi-
25 tect of the Capitol and any activities under his direction.

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