



H.R. 5001 – OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2008

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 5001 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) on January 16, 2008. The bill was ordered to be reported, as amended, by voice vote of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 22, 2008.

H.R. 5001 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 5001 directs the Administrator of General Services to continue redeveloping the Old Post Office Building in Washington, D.C. This bill allows the Administrator to redevelop the property according to a plan previously approved by Congress.

This legislation authorizes the Administrator to provide replacement space for Federal agency tenants of the Old Post Office Building, as necessary due to redevelopment projects.

H.R. 5001 requires the Administrator to report to Congress on any Old Post Office Building redevelopment agreements. Such report must include a cost-benefit analysis of the agreement.

BACKGROUND

The Old Post Office Building is located on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW in Washington, D.C. Built in 1891 under Congressional directive, the building served as a post office for the District of Columbia until 1934. Currently, the Federal building is occupied by private retail establishments and some federal agency offices. The Old Post Office Building is jointly administered by the General Services Administration and the National Park Service.

The General Services Administration (GSA) is a federal agency founded in 1949 which, among other duties, provides transportation and office space for federal agencies. The GSA employs approximately 12,000 people and has an operating budget of roughly \$16 billion. The current Administrator of General Services is David L. Bibb.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that "implementing H.R. 5001 would cost \$18 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts."

[Full CBO Cost Estimate for H.R. 5001](#)

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