



## **H.R. 6524 – To authorize the Administrator of General Services to take certain actions with respect to parcels of real property located in Eastlake, Ohio, and Koochiching County, Minnesota**

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6524 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 Steven LaTourette (R-OH) and Representative James Oberstar (D-MN) on July 16, 2008. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.R. 6524 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 22, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

Eastlake, Ohio: The bill releases the restrictions in the deed of conveyance to the City of East Lake, Ohio, for the 10.873 acre site of the John F. Kennedy Senior Center. The bill requires the city to pay \$30,000 to the General Services Administrator for executing the release.

Koochiching County, Minnesota: The bill requires the Administrator to convey a 5.84 acre parcel of land in International Falls, Minnesota, which is the former site of the Koochiching Army Reserve Training Center, to the county. The county is required to pay the Administrator \$30,000 as consideration for a conveyance of real property. The conveyance must take place within 90 days of enactment.

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### BACKGROUND

Eastlake, Ohio, purchased the 10.837 acre property from the General Services Administration (GSA) in 1964 with the restriction that the land be used for recreational purposes. The City of Eastlake has used the land for recreational purposes for more than forty years, but now wants to use the land to spur economic growth in the area. In order to lift the deed restriction, the GSA wanted the city to pay a \$300,000 fee. This legislation would enable them to pay \$30,000 to have the deed restriction lifted and would apply the same fee for release of a GSA deed restriction in Koochiching County, Minnesota.

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### COST

According to the Congressional Budget Office, "CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6524 would have a negligible impact on the federal budget. The two conveyances would generate offsetting receipts of \$60,000, but DoD has permanent authority to spend its share of such proceeds under existing appropriation acts. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would reduce net direct spending by \$30,000. According to GSA, neither property currently generates any offsetting receipts. Enacting this bill would not affect revenues." ([CBO Cost Estimate](#))

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