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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MOYNIHAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Arc of Park Capitol
5 Grounds Improvement Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. CAPITOL GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT PLAN.**

7 (a) The Architect of the Capitol is authorized to de-
8 velop and implement a comprehensive plan for the im-

1 improvement of the grounds of the United States Capitol as
2 described in section 193a of title 40, United States Code.
3 Such plan shall be consistent with the 1981 Report on
4 the “Master Plan for the Future Development of the Cap-
5 itol Grounds and Related Areas” prepared in accordance
6 with Public Law 94–59 (July 25, 1975). Such plan shall
7 result in an “arc of park” sweeping from Second Street,
8 Northeast to the Capitol Reflecting Pool to First Street,
9 Southeast, with the Capitol Building as its approximate
10 center. Such plan shall provide for, at a minimum:

11 (1) elimination of all current surface parking
12 areas, excepting those areas which provide on-street
13 parallel parking spaces;

14 (2) replacement of off-street surface parking
15 areas with public parks. Such parks shall be
16 landscaped in a fashion appropriate to the United
17 States Capitol grounds;

18 (3) reconstruction of Delaware Avenue, North-
19 east, between Columbus Circle and Constitution Ave-
20 nue as a thoroughfare available principally to pedes-
21 trians as contemplated by the Master Plan;

22 (4) elimination of all but parallel parking on
23 Pennsylvania Avenue, between First and Third
24 Streets, Northwest;

1 (5) to the greatest extent practical, continu-
2 ation of the Pennsylvania Avenue tree line onto
3 United States Capitol Grounds and implementation
4 of other appropriate landscaping measures necessary
5 to conform Pennsylvania Avenue between First and
6 Third Streets, Northwest, to the aesthetic guidelines
7 adopted by the Pennsylvania Avenue Development
8 Corporation;

9 (6) closure of Maryland Avenue to through traf-
10 fic between First and Third Streets, Southwest, con-
11 sistent with appropriate access to and visitor park-
12 ing for the United States Botanic Garden;

13 (7) construction of additional underground
14 parking facilities, as needed. The cost of construc-
15 tion and operation of such parking facilities shall be
16 defrayed to the greatest extent practical by charging
17 appropriate usage fees, including time-of-day fees.
18 Such parking facilities shall be made available to the
19 general public, with priority given to employees of
20 the Congress.

21 **SEC. 3. APPLICABLE LOCAL LAW.**

22 The construction and operation of any improvements
23 under this Act shall not be subject to any law of the Dis-
24 trict of Columbia or any State or locality relating to taxes
25 on sales, real estate, personal property, special assess-

1 ments, uses or any other interest or transaction (including
2 any such law enacted by Congress), nor shall they be sub-
3 ject to any law of the District of Columbia relating to use,
4 occupancy or construction, including without limitation
5 building costs, permits, or inspection requirements (in-
6 cluding such laws enacted by Congress): *Provided, how-*
7 *ever,* That the Architect of the Capitol shall comply with
8 appropriate recognized national life safety and building
9 codes in undertaking such construction and operation.

10 **SEC. 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE**
11 **CAPITOL.**

12 The Architect of the Capitol shall be responsible for
13 the structural, mechanical and custodial care and mainte-
14 nance of the facilities constructed under the Act and may
15 discharge such responsibilities directly or by contract. The
16 Architect of the Capitol may permit the extension of steam
17 and chilled water from the Capitol Power Plant on a reim-
18 bursable basis to any facilities or improvements con-
19 structed under this Act as a cost of such improvements.

20 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
22 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
23 Act.

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