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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DOMENICI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This act may be cited as “Palace
5 of the Governors Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS**
2 **EXPANSION.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
4 ings:

5 (1) The United States has an enriched legacy
6 of Hispanic influence in politics, government, eco-
7 nomic development and cultural expression.

8 (2) The Palace of the Governors has been the
9 center of administrative and cultural activity over a
10 vast region of the Southwest since its construction
11 as New Mexico’s second capitol in Santa Fe by Gov-
12 ernor Pedro de Peralta in 1610.

13 (3) The Palace of the Governors is the oldest
14 continuously occupied public building in the United
15 States and has been occupied for 390 years.

16 (4) Since its creation the Museum of New Mex-
17 ico has worked to protect and promote Southwest,
18 Hispanic and Native American arts and crafts.

19 (5) The Palace of the Governors is the history
20 division of the Museum of New Mexico and was once
21 proposed by Teddy Roosevelt to be part of the
22 Smithsonian Museum and known as the “Smithso-
23 nian West.”

24 (6) The Museum has a extensive and priceless
25 collection of:

1 (A) Spanish Colonial and Iberian Colonial
2 paintings including the Sagesser Hyde paint-
3 ings on buffalo hide dating back to 1706.

4 (B) Pre-Columbian Art.

5 (C) Historic artifacts including:

6 (i) Helmets and armor worn by the
7 Don Juan Onate expedition conquistadors
8 who established the first capital in the
9 United States, San Juan de los Caballeros,
10 in July of 1598.

11 (ii) The Vara Stick used to measure
12 land grants and other real property bound-
13 aries in Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

14 (iii) The Columbus, New Mexico Rail-
15 way Station clock that was shot, stopping
16 the pendulum, freezing for all history the
17 moment when Pancho Villa's raid began. It
18 marks the beginning of the last invasion of
19 the continental United States.

20 (iv) The field desk of Brigadier Gen-
21 eral Stephen Watts Kearny who was post-
22 ed to New Mexico during the Mexican War
23 and whose Army of the West traveled the
24 Santa Fe trail to occupy the territories of
25 New Mexico and California.

1 (v) More than 800,000 other historic
2 photographs, guns, costumes, maps, books
3 and handiercrafts.

4 (7) The Palace of the Governors and the
5 Sagesser Hyde paintings were designated National
6 Treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preser-
7 vation.

8 (8) The facilities both for exhibiting and stor-
9 age of this irreplaceable collection are so totally in-
10 adequate and dangerously unsuitable that there ex-
11 istence is endangered and their preservation is in
12 jeopardy.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ANNEX.—The term “Annex” means the
15 Palace of the Governors, Museum of New Mexico ad-
16 dition to be located directly behind the historic Pal-
17 ace of the Governors building at 110 Lincoln Ave-
18 nue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

19 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Interior.

21 (c) CONSTRUCTION OF THE ANNEX.—Subject to the
22 availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall award a
23 grant to New Mexico to pay for the Federal share of the
24 costs of the final design, construction, furnishing and
25 equipping of the Palace of the Governors Expansion

1 Annex that will be located directly behind the historic Pal-
2 ace of the Governors at 110 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe,
3 New Mexico.

4 (d) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to receive a grant
6 awarded under subsection (c), New Mexico, acting
7 through the Office of Cultural Affairs—

8 (A) shall submit to the Secretary, within
9 30 days of the date of enactment of this sec-
10 tion, a copy of the architectural blueprints for
11 the Palace of the Governors Expansion Annex.

12 (B) shall exercise due diligence to obtain
13 an appropriation from the New Mexico State
14 Legislature for at least \$8 million.

15 (C) shall exercise due diligence to expedi-
16 tiously execute a memorandum of under-
17 standing recognizing that time is of the essence
18 for the construction for the Annex because
19 2010 marks the 400th anniversary of the con-
20 tinuous occupation and use of the Palace of the
21 Governors.

22 (2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The
23 memorandum of understanding described in para-
24 graph (1) shall provide—

1 (A) the date of completion of the construc-
2 tion of the Annex.

3 (B) that Office of Cultural Affairs shall
4 award the contract for construction of the
5 Annex in accordance with the New Mexico Pro-
6 curement Code; and

7 (C) that the contract for the construction
8 of the Annex shall be awarded pursuant to a
9 competitive bidding process.

10 (3) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
11 the costs described in subsection (c) shall be 50 per-
12 cent.

13 (4) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
14 share of the costs described in section (c) shall be
15 in cash or in kind fairly evaluated, including land,
16 art and artifact collections, plant, equipment, or
17 services. The non-Federal share shall include any
18 contribution received by New Mexico for the design,
19 land acquisition, library acquisition, library renova-
20 tion, Palace of the Governors conservation, and con-
21 struction, furnishing, equipping of the Annex, or do-
22 nations of art collections to the Museum of New
23 Mexico prior to the date of enactment of this sec-
24 tion. The non-Federal share of the costs described in
25 subsection (c) shall include the following:

1 (A) Cost of the land at 110 Lincoln Ave-
2 nue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

3 (B) Library acquisition expenditures.

4 (C) Library renovation expenditures.

5 (D) Palace conservation expenditures.

6 (E) New Mexico Foundation and other en-
7 dowment funds.

8 (F) Donations of art collections or other
9 artifacts.

10 (e) USE OF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION.—FUR-
11 NISHING AND EQUIPMENT.—Subject to funds being ap-
12 propriated, the funds received under a grant awarded
13 under subsection (c) shall be used only for the final design,
14 construction, management, inspection, furnishing and
15 equipment of the Annex.

16 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Subject
17 to funds being appropriated, there is authorized to be ap-
18 propriated to the Secretary to carry out this section a total
19 of \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and succeeding fiscal
20 years. Funds appropriated pursuant to the authority of
21 the preceding sentence shall remain available until ex-
22 pended but are conditioned upon the New Mexico State
23 legislature appropriating at least \$8 million between date
24 of enactment and 2010 and other non-federal sources pro-
25 viding enough funds, when combined with the New Mexico

- 1 State legislature appropriations, to make this federal
- 2 grant based on a fifty-fifty match.

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