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To authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to construct, lease, or modify major medical facilities at the site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2003

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. ALLARD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans’ New
5 Fitzsimons Health Care Facilities Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY**
2 **PROJECTS, FORMER FITZSIMONS ARMY MED-**
3 **ICAL CENTER, AURORA, COLORADO.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
5 fairs may carry out major medical facility projects under
6 section 8104 of title 38, United States Code, at the site
7 of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora,
8 Colorado. Projects to be carried out at such site shall be
9 selected by the Secretary and may include inpatient and
10 outpatient facilities providing acute, sub-acute, primary,
11 and long-term care services. Project costs shall be limited
12 to an amount not to exceed a total of \$300,000,000 if
13 a combination of direct construction by the Department
14 of Veterans Affairs and capital leasing is selected under
15 subsection (b) and no more than \$30,000,000 per year
16 in capital leasing costs if a leasing option is selected as
17 the sole option under subsection (b).

18 (b) SELECTION OF CAPITAL OPTION.—The Secretary
19 of Veterans shall select the capital option to carry out the
20 authority provided in subsection (a) of either—

21 (1) direct construction by the Department of
22 Veterans Affairs or a combination of direct construc-
23 tion and capital leasing; or

24 (2) capital leasing alone.

25 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
26 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans

1 Affairs for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 for
2 “Construction, Major Projects” for the purposes author-
3 ized in subsection (a)—

4 (1) a total of \$300,000,000, if direct construc-
5 tion, or a combination of direct construction and
6 capital leasing, is chosen pursuant to subsection (b)
7 for purposes of the projects authorized in subsection
8 (a); and

9 (2) \$30,000,000 for each such fiscal year, if
10 capital leasing alone is chosen pursuant to sub-
11 section (b) for purposes of the projects authorized in
12 subsection (a).

13 (d) LIMITATION.—The projects authorized in sub-
14 section (a) may only be carried out using—

15 (1) funds appropriated for fiscal year 2004,
16 2005, 2006, or 2007 pursuant to the authorization
17 of appropriations in subsection (a);

18 (2) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
19 Projects, for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2004
20 that remain available for obligation; and

21 (3) funds appropriated for Construction, Major
22 Projects, for fiscal year 2004, 2005, 2006, or 2007
23 for a category of activity not specific to a project.

24 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—Not
25 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of

1 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
2 Appropriations and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs
3 of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on
4 this section. The report shall include notice of the option
5 selected by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b) to
6 carry out the authority provided by subsection (a), infor-
7 mation on any further planning required to carry out the
8 authority provided in subsection (a), and other informa-
9 tion of assistance to the committees with respect to such
10 authority.

11 **SEC. 3. JOINT ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS HEALTH CARE**
12 **NEEDS OF VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE**
13 **AIR FORCE.**

14 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary
15 of the Air Force shall undertake such joint activities as
16 the Secretaries consider appropriate to address the health
17 care needs of veterans and members of the Air Force on
18 active duty.

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