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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 9075 - Disposition of Congressional office equipment
Sponsor - Rep. Dickinson (R) Alabama

Last Day for Action

October 23, 1974 - Wednesday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
General Services Administration	No objection

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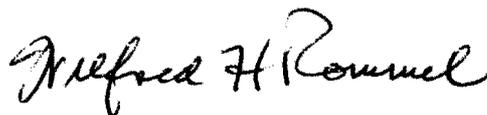


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20405



OCT 15 1974

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Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

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Arthur F. Sampson
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TO: WARREN HENDRIKS



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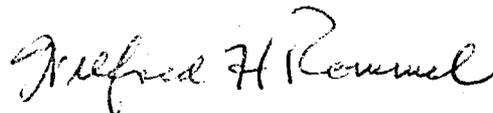
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Date: October 17, 1974

Time: 9:30 a.m.

FOR ACTION: Geoff Shepard
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Bill Timmons

cc (for information): Warren K. Hendriks
Jerry Jones
Paul Theis

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Monday, October 21, 1974 Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 9075 - Disposition of
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ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

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Draft Reply

For Your Comments

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K. R. COLE, JR.
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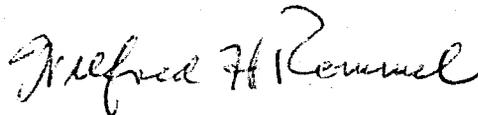
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FROM: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *W.E.T.*
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The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment

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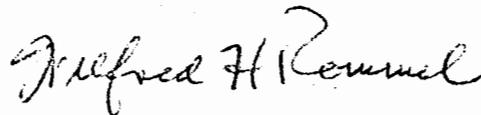
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For the President

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93D CONGRESS }
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SENATE

{ REPORT
{ No. 93-1184

AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS

SEPTEMBER 26, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ERVIN, from the Committee on Government Operations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 9075]

The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 9075) to authorize the disposition of certain office equipment and furnishings, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with amendments and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The Committee offers four amendments to the bill, as follows:

On page 1, line 8, strike the words "the office space" and insert in lieu thereof the words "an office".

On page 2, line 8, strike the word "regulations." and insert the following: "regulations, but in no instance less than the fair market value of such items."

On page 3, line 6, strike the words "the office space" and insert in lieu thereof the words "an office".

On page 3, line 20, strike the word "regulations." and insert the following: "regulations, but in no instance less than the fair market value of such items."

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments offered by the Committee would (1) require that the purchase price of the office equipment and furniture be not less than the fair market value of the items at the time of purchase, and (2)

limit the authority to purchase the furnishings and equipment in only one state or district office of a Senator, Member, Delegate or Resident Commissioner.

As passed by the House, the purchase price of the equipment and furnishings would be an amount equal to the acquisition cost to the Federal Government of the items, less an allowance for depreciation determined under applicable regulations, which would be prescribed for the Senate by the Committee on Rules, and for the House of Representatives by the Committee on House Administration, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services.

The Committee believes that the price should be not less than the fair market value, since straight line depreciation in many cases would result in such low prices that Congress and the Administrator could be subject to undue criticism. The General Services Administration, in its comments on the bill, recommended that the purchase price be not less than the fair market value.

The House bill apparently makes the assumption that Members of Congress generally have only one state or district office. In actuality, many Members and Senators have more than one office, and the Committee believes that they should be allowed to purchase the furniture and equipment in only one of these. The amendments to strike the words "the office space" and replace them with "an office" are intended to limit purchases to only one state or district office. The Member of Congress shall determine which one.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill as amended is to authorize the purchase by a United States Senator or a Member of, Delegate to, or Resident Commissioner in the House of Representatives, upon his leaving office (except by expulsion), of office equipment and furnishings provided by the General Services Administration and in use in one of his State or district offices.

BACKGROUND

Under present law, state or district office furniture of a Senator or Member of Congress turned in when he leaves office is disposed of under the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. It is first screened for further Federal use, and if not claimed by another agency it is offered to eligible donees under the surplus property donation program. If not donated, the property is sold to the public.

Many Members of Congress have expressed a desire to purchase equipment and furniture in their state or district offices, but at present they are unable to do so until the property has reached the surplus stage and is put up for sale.

GSA foresees certain operational advantages in permitting Members to purchase equipment and furniture upon leaving office. Newly elected Members are often reluctant to accept used furniture, and GSA generally must provide new items for their state and district offices. The bill as amended provides a means of disposing of used items while recovering a portion of the original cost, and it provides a method of

avoiding high transportation costs involved in shipping furniture from a state or district office to a GSA storage facility.

The money received by the Federal Government from such sales will be remitted to GSA and credited to the appropriate accounts.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Since it is not possible to estimate accurately the number of Members of Congress who will take advantage of the provisions of the bill, the Committee is not able to estimate the cost of this legislation.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

The bill as amended does not specifically make changes in existing law. However, in practical effect it will exempt the state and district office furnishings and equipment purchased by Members of Congress from the terms of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, which provide for the utilization of excess Federal property and the disposal of surplus Federal property.



AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS

OCTOBER 18, 1973.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. THOMPSON of New Jersey, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 9075]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 9075) having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

By voice vote the committee adopted a motion to report H.R. 9075, as amended.

AMENDMENTS

On page 1, strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

[That (a) notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Member may purchase, upon leaving office or otherwise ceasing to be a Member (except by expulsion), any item or items of office equipment or office furnishings provided by the General Services Administration and then currently located and in use in the office space of such Member in the district then represented by such Member.

(b) Each purchase of equipment or furnishings under subsection (a) of this section shall be—

(1) in accordance with regulations which shall be prescribed by the Committee on House Administration, after consultation with the General Services Administration; and

(2) at a price equal to the acquisition cost to the Federal Government of the equipment or furnishings so purchased, less allowance for depreciation determined under such regulations.

(c) Amounts received by the Federal Government from the sale of items of office equipment or office furnishings under this section shall be remitted to the General Services Administration and credited to the appropriate account or accounts.

(d) For the purposes of this section—

(1) "Member" means a Member of, Delegate to, or Resident Commissioner in, the House of Representatives; and

(2) "district" means a congressional district, the District of Columbia (with respect to any office of the Delegate from the District of Columbia situated at any place in the District other than at the United States Capitol), the Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and, in the case of a Representative at Large, a State.

SEC. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a United States Senator may purchase, upon leaving office or otherwise ceasing to be a Senator (except by expulsion), any item or items of office equipment or office furnishings provided by the General Services Administration and then currently located and in use in the office space of such Senator in the State then represented by such Senator.

(b) At the request of any United States Senator, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall arrange for and make the purchase of equipment and furnishings under subsection (a) of this section on behalf of such Senator. Each such purchase shall be—

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Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to authorize the disposition of certain office equipment and furnishings, and for other purposes."

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS

The committee proposes two amendments to the bill—an amendment to the text and an amendment to the title.

AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT

The amendment to the text of the bill provides that a Member of, Delegate to, or Resident Commissioner in, the House of Representatives and a United States Senator, upon leaving office (except by expulsion), may purchase any item or items of office equipment or office furnishings provided by the General Services Administration and then located and in use in the office space of the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner concerned in the congressional district represented by him (including, in the case of Delegates, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and, in the case of the Resident Commissioner, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico) or in the State represented, in the case of a Representative-at-Large and a United States Senator. The purchase price would be an amount equal to the acquisition cost to the Federal Government of the equipment and furnishings purchased, less an allowance for depreciation determined under applicable regulations. With respect to the House of Representatives, these regulations will be prescribed by the Committee on House Administration after consultation by the committee with the General Services Administration. With respect to the Senate, these regulations will be prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate after consultation by the committee with the General Services Administration. The money received by the Federal Government from the sales of such items of office furnishings and office equipment must be remitted to the General Services Administration and credited to the appropriate account or accounts.

The amendment to the title of the bill rephrases the title to reflect more accurately the substance of the amended text of the bill.



Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four

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(c) Amounts received by the Federal Government from the sale of items of office equipment or office furnishings under this section shall be remitted to the General Services Administration and credited to the appropriate account or accounts.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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October 11, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on October 11th:

H.J. Res. 898 ✓

H.R. 3903 ✓

H.R. 9075 ✓

H.R. 11510 ✓

H.R. 13113 ✓

H.R. 13261 ✓

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.