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TRANSFER OF FEDERAL PROPERTY TO THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 589]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, to which was referred a bill (S. 589) to provide for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Paralympics, Incorporated, a subsidiary of the United States Olympic Committee, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and recommends that the bill (as amended) do pass.

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

S. 589 provides for the transfer of certain Federal property to the United States Olympics Committee to support the U.S. Paralympics Games.

GENERAL STATEMENT AND BACKGROUND

A bill was introduced by Senator Allard to direct the transfer of federal property in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to U.S. Paralympics.

The building was fully occupied until October 2006 by the United States Space Command (USSC). The U.S. Armed Forces occupied approximately 15% of the building until June 2007. The Federal Protective Services and GSA occupied a small portion of the building until their leases expired at the end of September, 2007.

Once it was determined that USSC would not remain in the building, GSA conducted an Internal Retention and Disposal study

in May 2006 to determine if any other federal agency was interested in the property. There was no interest expressed by any government agency. In November 2006, the property was placed in the GSA Disposal process. In January of 2007, Senator Allard corresponded with GSA to request that it suspend its disposal process in an attempt to convey the property to the U.S. Olympics Committee (USOC) on behalf of the U.S. Paralympics. GSA complied with the request. In February, Senator Allard introduced S. 589, a bill to convey the federal building in Colorado Springs to the U.S. Paralympics at a price of $1,000,000.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Senator Allard introduced the bill on February 14, 2007, which was received, read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. During consideration of the bill by the Committee, an amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered by Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Inhofe that would require the property be conveyed at fair market value rather than a legislated price. The amendment was adopted by voice vote.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Findings and purpose

Summary

This section describes the reason Congress should consider the sale of the GSA property to the USOC and the location in Colorado Springs, CO.

Description

S. 589 provides for the disposal of a building owned by the General Services Administration to the USOC on behalf of its subsidiary the U.S. Paralympics program (Paralympics). The purpose is to support the Paralympics in its efforts to create and sustain athletic programs for the disabled, in particular, those disabled during active duty and military veterans suffering or recovering from injuries incurred while serving in the military.

Section 2. Transfer of certain property

Summary

This section the timing and conditions of the conveyance of the property to the USOC.

Description

This section authorizes the General Services Administration to convey to the USOC all right, title and interest of the United States in the property located at 1520 Willamette Avenue in Colorado Springs, CO. Further, this section states that the property should be sold at fair market value based upon an appraisal of the property under consideration. The section further states that the property cannot be used for other purposes and the USOC must agree to operate, maintain, and manage the property for the benefit of the U.S. Paralympics program.

HEARINGS

The Committee did not hold hearings on S. 589 during the 110th Congress.

ROLLCALL VOTES

The Committee on Environment and Public Works met on September 20, 2007, to consider S. 589. The bill, as amended, was ordered reported by voice vote. No rollcall votes were cast in consideration of S. 589.

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In compliance with section 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee finds that S. 589 does not create any additional regulatory burdens, nor will it cause any adverse impact on the personal privacy of individuals.

MANDATES ASSESSMENT

In compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–4), the committee finds that S. 589 would impose no Federal intergovernmental unfunded mandates on State, local, or tribal governments. The bill contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

For the purposes of rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, S. 589 does not contain any congressionally directed spending.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Section 402 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act requires a statement of the cost of the reported bill, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, be included in the report and is attached.

S. 589—A bill to provide for the transfer of certain federal property to the United States Olympic Committee

S. 589 would require the General Services Administration (GSA) to offer to convey a federal building in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), a chartered nonprofit corporation. The bill would require that the USOC pay fair market value for the property.

CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget because we expect that the conveyance would not occur. Based on information provided by the USOC, we expect that the committee would not acquire the building because it could not afford the costs of rehabilitating the property.

If, alternatively, the USOC decides to purchase the building, we estimate that offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) from surplus property sales would increase in 2008 by about $1 million. That amount would be deposited in the Federal Buildings Fund and be available for appropriation for GSA projects.

S. 589 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

Section 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires the committee to publish changes in existing law made by the bill as reported. Passage of this bill will make no changes to existing law.

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