

Public Law 93-226

JOINT RESOLUTION

December 29, 1973
[H. J. Res. 736]

To provide for a feasibility study and to accept a gift from the United States Capitol Historical Society.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United States Capitol Historical Society is authorized, under direction of the Architect of the Capitol, to prepare a feasibility study to determine the desirability of installing within the United States Capitol Grounds, at the east front of the United States Capitol, all items of equipment and other facilities required for a sound and light performance, consisting of an interplay of light, music, narrative, and sound effects (without the use of live actors), which, when projected onto the imposing facade of the east front of the United States Capitol, will re-create the evolution of American history, based on a foundation of thorough historical research, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Such study and all expenditures connected therewith will be borne by the United States Capitol Historical Society.

(2) Upon completion of such study, the United States Capitol Historical Society, at its expense, will furnish the Architect of the Capitol a report detailing the results of such study, installations, and programs proposed, and estimates of cost required to implement such project without expense to the United States, including maintenance and operating expenses.

(3) The project may not be implemented, beyond the report stage, except as provided in section 2 hereof.

SEC. 2. The Architect of the Capitol shall review such report and submit the same, with his recommendations, to the Speaker and majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and to the United States Senate Commission on Art and Antiquities.

If the project, as presented, with or without modifications, meets with the approval of such House and Senate officials, the Architect of the Capitol, notwithstanding any other provision of law, is authorized after such approval—

(1) To accept in the name of the United States from the United States Capitol Historical Society, as a gift, such sum or sums as may be required to further implement such project, and such sum or sums when received, shall be credited as an addition to the appropriation account "Capitol Buildings, Architect of the Capitol".

(2) Subject to section 3 hereof, to expend such sum or sums for all items of equipment and other facilities required for the sound and light performance, and for any other items in connection therewith.

SEC. 3. The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House and Senate officials designated in section 2 hereof, is authorized to enter into contracts and to incur such other obligations and make such expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of said section 2.

SEC. 4. Sums received under this joint resolution, when credited as an addition to the appropriation account "Capitol Buildings, Architect of the Capitol", shall be available for expenditure and shall remain available until expended. Following completion of the installation, such sums may thereafter be used by the Architect of the Capitol, in whole or part, to defray any expenses which he may incur for maintenance and operation.

Approved December 29, 1973.

United States
Capitol Historical
Society.
Feasibility
study, authoriza-
tion.

Report to Archi-
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Project, limita-
tion.

Report to Con-
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Gift, acceptance
authorization.

Contract author-
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Funds, avail-
ability.