Public Law 99-581
99th Congress

An Act

To amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium to the District of Columbia.

Oct. 29, 1986
[H.R. 2776]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Public buildings and grounds.

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF STADIUM.

Section 7 of the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 (D.C. Code, sec. 2-326) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 7."; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsections:

"(b)(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

"(A) convey without consideration to the government of the District of Columbia all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the building comprising the stadium constructed under this Act; and

"(B) lease without consideration to the government of the District of Columbia—

"(i) the ground under; and

"(ii) the parking facilities associated with the stadium constructed under this Act.

"(2) The lease authorized by paragraph (1)(B) shall be for a period of 50 years.

"(c) The conveyance and lease of real property under subsection (b) shall be subject to such terms and conditions (which shall be set forth in the instrument of conveyance) as will ensure that title to the property shall not be transferred by the District to any person or entity other than the United States or any political subdivision or agency of the District of Columbia or the United States and that the property will be used only for—

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"(1) stadium purposes;

"(2) providing recreational facilities, open space, or public outdoor recreation opportunities;

"(3) such other public purposes for which the property was used prior to June 1, 1985; and

"(4) such other public purposes for which the property was approved for use by the Secretary with the concurrence of the National Capital Planning Commission prior to June 1, 1985.

"(d)(1) The instrument of conveyance and the lease referred to in subsection (c) shall provide that all right, title, and interest conveyed to the District of Columbia pursuant to such instrument of conveyance shall revert to the United States and the lease shall terminate if—

"(A) the terms and conditions referred to in subsection (c) have not been complied with, as determined by the Secretary, and

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"(B) such noncompliance has not been corrected within ninety days after written notice of such noncompliance has been received by the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Such noncompliance shall be treated as corrected if the District of Columbia and the Secretary enter into an agreement, with the concurrence of the National Capital Planning Commission, which the Secretary considers adequate to ensure that the property will be used in a manner consistent with the purposes referred to in subsection (c).

"(2) No person may bring an action respecting a violation of any term or condition referred to in subsection (c) before the expiration of ninety days after the date on which such person has notified the Mayor of the District of Columbia of the alleged violation. The notice shall include notice of such person's intention to bring an action to declare a reversion and termination of the lease under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

Real property.

"(3) The conveyance of real property under subsection (b) shall be made subject to the condition that the District of Columbia shall bear the cost of removing structures or rehabilitating the land or stadium should the stadium revert to the United States pursuant to this subsection.

"(4) Any property which reverts to the Secretary under this subsection shall be administered by the Secretary as part of the Park System of the Nation's Capital in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4), and other provisions of the law generally applicable to units of the national park system.".

SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Section 11 of the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 (D.C. Code, sec. 2-330) is amended by inserting "(including any area designated A, B, C, D, or E on the revised map entitled 'Map to Designate Transfer of Stadium and Lease of Parking Lots to the District', prepared jointly by the National Park Service (National Capital Region) and the District of Columbia Department of Public Works for site development and dated October 1986 (NPS drawing number 831/87284-A))," after "property of any kind".

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