

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 608

To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out certain construction projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2009

Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MICA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. HOYER, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. MATSUL, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Smithsonian Institu-
5 tion Facilities Authorization Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. LABORATORY AND SUPPORT SPACE, EDGEWATER,**
2 **MARYLAND.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT.**—The
4 Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution is au-
5 thorized to design and construct laboratory and support
6 space to accommodate the Mathias Laboratory at the
7 Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in
8 Edgewater, Maryland.

9 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section a
11 total of \$41,000,000 for fiscal years 2009 through 2011.
12 Such sums shall remain available until expended.

13 **SEC. 3. LABORATORY SPACE, GAMBOA, PANAMA.**

14 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT.**—The Board of Re-
15 gents of the Smithsonian Institution is authorized to con-
16 struct laboratory space to accommodate the terrestrial re-
17 search program of the Smithsonian tropical research insti-
18 tute in Gamboa, Panama.

19 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section a
21 total of \$14,000,000 for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Such
22 sums shall remain available until expended.

23 **SEC. 4. GREENHOUSE FACILITY, SUTTLAND, MARYLAND.**

24 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT.**—The Board of Re-
25 gents of the Smithsonian Institution is authorized to con-
26 struct a greenhouse facility at its museum support facility

1 in Suitland, Maryland, to maintain the horticultural oper-
2 ations of, and preserve the orchid collection held in trust
3 by, the Smithsonian Institution.

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated \$12,000,000 to carry out
6 this section. Such sums shall remain available until ex-
7 pended.

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