

JOE SKEEN FEDERAL BUILDING

JULY 12, 2004.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3734]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3734) to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the “Joe Skeen Federal Building”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 3734 is to provide for the designation of the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the “Joe Skeen Federal Building”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

Congressman Skeen was born in Roswell, New Mexico. He served in the United States Navy for a one-year enlistment and later in the United States Air Force Reserves from 1949 until 1952. Congressman Skeen graduated from Texas A&M University with his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Engineering in 1950.

After graduation he worked as a soil and water engineer for the Zuni and Ramah Navajo Indians. After purchasing the family sheep ranch, Joe Skeen worked on the boards of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association and the New Mexico Wool Growers Association; he was also President of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau.

He was first elected to public office in 1960 when he served in the New Mexico State Senate until 1970. For the last six years of his time in the State Senate he served as Minority Leader. He also served as Chairman of the New Mexico Republican Party from

1963 to 1965 and as a delegate to the 1964 Republican National Convention.

In 1980, Congressman Skeen was elected to serve New Mexico's 2nd district in the United States House of Representatives. He was first elected as a write-in candidate and served for 11 succeeding Congresses. He served as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture enhancing the agriculture viability in New Mexico and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Interior dealing with natural resources and public land use.

While serving in the House, Congressman Skeen was known for his commitment to property rights, balancing the federal budget and increased tax relief. He passed away in December of 2003 from complications of Parkinson's disease.

SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Designation

This section designates the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building".

Section 2. References

This section clarifies that any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico be deemed a reference to the "Joe Skeen Federal Building".

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

H.R. 3734 was introduced by Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM) on January 27, 2004. The legislation is identical to H.R. 5427 from the 107th Congress, which was reported by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee but never adopted by the Full House.

On May 12, 2004, the Full Committee met in open session and discharged the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management from further consideration. The Full Committee then considered H.R. 3734. A motion by Mr. LaTourette, to order H.R. 3734 favorably reported to the House was agreed to by the Full Committee unanimously, by voice vote, with a quorum present. There were no recorded votes taken during Committee consideration of H.R. 3734.

ROLLCALL VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each roll call vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against. There were no roll call votes taken in conjunction with ordering H.R. 3734 favorably reported to the House.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee references the report of the Congressional Budget Office included below.

2. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no statement of performance goals and objectives are required for this legislation.

3. With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for H.R. 3734 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 13, 2004.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed the following legislation as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 12, 2004:

- H.R. 3428, a bill to designate a portion of the United States courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue in Alexandria, Virginia, as the “Justin W. Williams United States Attorney’s Building”;
- H.R. 3734, a bill to designate the federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the “Joe Skeen Federal Building”;
- H.R. 3742, a bill to designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the “Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building”; and
- H.R. 3884, a bill to designate the federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse.”

CBO estimates that enactment of these bills would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues. These bills contain 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.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH M. ROBINSON
(For Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director).

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause (3)(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, committee reports on a bill or joint resolution of a public character shall include a statement citing the specific powers granted to the Congress in the Constitution to enact the measure. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure finds that Congress has the authority to enact this measure pursuant to its powers granted under article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. (Public Law 104-4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local or tribal law. The Committee states that H.R. 3734 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act are created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act. (Public Law 104-1).

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H.R. 3734 makes no changes in existing law.

