

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
OFFERED BY MS. NORTON OF DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Old Post Office Build-
3 ing Redevelopment Act of 2008”.

4 SEC. 2. OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING DEFINED.

5 In this Act, the term “Old Post Office Building”
6 means the land, including any improvements thereon and
7 specifically including the Pavilion Annex, that is located
8 at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., in the District of Co-
9 lumbia, and under the jurisdiction, custody, and control
10 of the General Services Administration.

11 SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

12 Congress finds the following:

13 (1) For almost a decade the Subcommittee on
14 Economic Development, Public Buildings, and
15 Emergency Management of the Committee on
16 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
17 Representatives has expressed considerable concern
18 about the waste and neglect of the valuable, historic

1 Old Post Office Building, centrally located in the
2 heart of the Nation's Capital on Pennsylvania Ave-
3 nue, and has pressed the General Services Adminis-
4 tration to develop and fully use this building.

5 (2) The policy of the Government long has been
6 to preserve and make usable historic properties rath-
7 er than sell them for revenue.

8 (3) Security concerns related to this property's
9 proximity to the White House may hinder the sale
10 of the Old Post Office Building to a private party.

11 (4) On December 28, 2000, the General Serv-
12 ices Administration, pursuant to Public Law 105-
13 277, submitted to the Committee on Transportation
14 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
15 and the Committees on Appropriations and Environ-
16 ment and Public Works of the Senate a plan for the
17 comprehensive redevelopment of the Old Post Office.

18 (5) The Committee on Transportation and In-
19 frastructure approved the redevelopment plan on
20 May 16, 2001, and the Committees on Appropria-
21 tions and Environment and Public Works approved
22 the plan on June 15, 2001.

23 (6) The General Services Administration issued
24 a Request for Expression of Interest in 2004 for de-
25 veloping the Old Post Office Building that generated

1 a healthy, private sector interest, but the General
2 Services Administration has failed to proceed with
3 implementation of the approved redevelopment plan.

4 (7) Redevelopment of the Old Post Office
5 Building will preserve the historic integrity of this
6 unique and important asset, put it to its highest and
7 best use, and provide a lucrative financial return to
8 the Government.

9 **SEC. 4. REDEVELOPMENT OF OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General
11 Services is directed to proceed with redevelopment of the
12 Old Post Office Building, in accordance with existing au-
13 thorities available to the Administrator and consistent
14 with the redevelopment plan previously approved by the
15 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
16 House of Representatives and the Committees on Appro-
17 priations and Environment and Public Works of the Sen-
18 ate.

19 (b) RELOCATION OF EXISTING BUILDING TEN-
20 ANTS.—The Administrator is authorized, notwithstanding
21 section 3307 of title 40, United States Code, and other-
22 wise in accordance with existing authorities available to
23 the Administrator, to provide replacement space for Fed-
24 eral agency tenants housed in the Old Post Office Building

1 whose relocation is necessary for redevelopment of the
2 Building.

3 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General
5 Services shall transmit to the Committee on Transpor-
6 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
7 and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of
8 the Senate a report on any proposed redevelopment agree-
9 ment related to the Old Post Office Building.

10 (b) CONTENTS.—A report transmitted under this sec-
11 tion shall include a summary of a cost-benefit analysis of
12 the proposed development agreement and a description of
13 the material provisions of the proposed agreement.

14 (c) REVIEW BY CONGRESS.—Any proposed develop-
15 ment agreement related to the Old Post Office Building
16 may not become effective until the end of a 30-day period
17 of continuous session of Congress following the date of the
18 transmittal of the report required under this section. For
19 purposes of the preceding sentence, continuity of a session
20 of Congress is broken only by an adjournment sine die,
21 and there shall be excluded from the computation of such
22 30-day period any day during which either House of Con-
23 gress is not in session during an adjournment of more
24 than 3 days to a day certain.

