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H. R. 14106

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Mr. WEISS (for himself, Mr. EILBERG, Mr. GREEN, Ms. HOLTZMAN, Mr. MANN, Mr. STEERS, and Mr. STOKES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

A BILL

To provide for payments in lieu of taxes to local governments by the Administrator of General Services based upon the amount of certain tax-exempt property owned by the United States and foreign governments within such locality.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Administrator is authorized and directed to make
4 payments under section 3 of this Act for each fiscal year
5 beginning on and after October 1, 1977, to each unit of local
6 government in which entitlement properties are located.

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1 SEC. 2. (a) To be eligible for payments under this Act
2 for any fiscal year, a unit of local government shall submit an
3 application, at such time, in such form, and containing such
4 information as the Administrator prescribes by regulation.

5 (b) Such applicant shall include a statement by the unit
6 of local government, and an independent verification, of each
7 of the following:

8 (1) the entitlement properties within its jurisdic-
9 tion;

10 (2) the appraised value for each such property for
11 purposes of the local property tax;

12 (3) the tax rate applicable to each such property;

13 (4) any other factors used by the unit of local gov-
14 ernment in computing tax liability; and

15 (5) the total tax revenues that would be available
16 from the entitlement properties, determined by multi-
17 plying the value stated under paragraph (2) by the rate
18 stated under paragraph (3) and applying any other fac-
19 tors stated under paragraph (4), for each such proper-
20 ty, and adding the resulting figures for all such proper-
21 ties within the jurisdiction.

22 (c) The Administrator shall disapprove any application
23 in which he determines that there exists a significant discrep-
24 ancy between the figures provided by the unit of local gov-
25 ernment and by the independent verification under subsection

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1 (b), or otherwise determines that the figures provided by such
2 unit are not reliable.

3 (d) Before disapproving any application the Administra-
4 tor shall give notice thereof to the unit of local government.
5 Such unit may then request a hearing before the Administra-
6 tor within ninety days of such notice. It shall be within the
7 discretion of the Administrator after such hearing to approve
8 the original application or an amended application, or require
9 a new application to be filed.

10 SEC. 3. The amount of any payment made under the
11 first section of this Act for any fiscal year to a unit of local
12 government whose application has been approved by the Ad-
13 ministrator shall be the amount stated by the unit of local
14 government under paragraph (5) of section 2(b).

15 SEC. 4. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated such
16 sums as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of
17 this Act.

18 (b) If sums appropriated in any fiscal year are not suffi-
19 cient to carry out the provisions of this Act, the Administra-
20 tor shall ratably reduce the amounts paid to all units of local
21 government whose applications are approved for such year.
22 If additional funds are made available for such year, they
23 shall be used to ratably increase the amount paid to each
24 such unit of local government.

25 SEC. 5. As used in this Act, the term—

1 (1) "Administrator" means the Administrator of
2 General Services;

3 (2) "entitlement property" means any of the fol-
4 lowing types of property which are exempt from the
5 property taxation of the applicable unit of local
6 government—

7 (A) buildings, structures, and other facilities,
8 and land, owned by a foreign government or by
9 an international organization as defined in section
10 1 of the International Organizations Immunities
11 Act (22 U.S.C. 228);

12 (B) buildings, structures, and other facilities,
13 and land upon which such improvements have
14 been built, owned by the United States, excluding
15 "entitlement lands" as defined in section 6(a) of
16 the Act entitled "An Act to provide for certain
17 payments to be made to local governments by the
18 Secretary of the Interior based upon the amount
19 of certain public lands within the boundaries of
20 such locality" (31 U.S.C 1606(a); 90 Stat. 2665);
21 and

22 (C) military installations.

23 (3) "unit of local government" means a county,
24 municipality, parish, township, or other unit of govern-
25 ment below the State which is a unit of general gov-

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1 ernment and has taxing authority with respect to real
2 property, as determined by the Administrator.

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