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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Veterans' Benefits Programs Improvement Act of 1991 to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to sell Pershing Hall, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. AUTHORIZATION OF SALE OF PERSHING HALL.**

4 Section 403 of the Veterans' Benefits Programs Im-
5 provement Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–86; 38 U.S.C.
6 2400 note) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new subsection:

1 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF SALE.—(1) The Secretary
2 may sell for fair market value Pershing Hall and transfer
3 and convey to the purchaser all right, title, and interest
4 of the United States in or to such property. The Secretary
5 shall determine fair market value based on an independent
6 assessment conducted by another department or agency
7 of the Federal Government or a nongovernmental entity.
8 The Secretary may only accept money as consideration for
9 such sale.

10 “(2) If the Secretary sells Pershing Hall pursuant to
11 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall return to the entity
12 from which the United States acquired Pershing Hall pur-
13 suant to the Act of June 28, 1935, (Chapter 323; 49 Stat.
14 426) any personal property (including memorabilia re-
15 garding General Pershing and the American Expedi-
16 tionary Forces in France during World War I) in the pos-
17 session of the Department of Veterans Affairs as of the
18 date of the enactment of this subsection that was located
19 in Pershing Hall on the date of such acquisition.

20 “(3) The funds received by the Secretary pursuant
21 to the sale of Pershing Hall under paragraph (1) shall
22 be deposited in the ‘Construction, Major Projects’ account
23 of the Department and be made available, without fiscal
24 year limitation, for the purposes of such account.

1 “(4) Effective on the day after the date of the sale
2 of Pershing Hall authorized under paragraph (1)—

3 “(A) the authority of Secretary to carry out
4 subsections (a) through (e) shall terminate; and

5 “(B) the Pershing Hall Revolving Fund shall be
6 abolished and the corpus of the fund, including ac-
7 crued interest, shall be deposited in the ‘Construc-
8 tion, Major Projects’ account of the Department and
9 be made available, without fiscal year limitation, for
10 the purposes of such account.”.