Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 1703, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1703

To amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Children’s Museum to provide the National Children’s Museum rental space without charge in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2021

Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘National Children’s Museum Act’’.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Museum and Library Services Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–81) designated the Capital Children’s Museum, the predecessor to the National Children’s Museum, as the ‘‘National Children’s Museum’’;

(2) the National Children’s Museum operates under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is organized under the laws of the District of Columbia;

(3) the mission of the National Children’s Museum is to inspire children to care about and change the world; and

(4) the National Children’s Museum is located in the federally owned Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

(b) NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM.—Chapter 67 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

§ 6735. National Children’s Museum

‘‘(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator
of General Services shall enter into a cooperative agree-
ment with the National Children’s Museum for the oper-
ation of the National Children’s Museum in the approxi-
mately 32,369 square feet of space commonly known as
suite C–001 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Space’) of the
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
for the duration of the retail space license agreement be-
tween Trade Center Management Associates, LLC, or a
successor entity, and the Museum, dated December 4,
2017, including any exercised renewal options.

“(b) CONTENTS.—The cooperative agreement under
subsection (a) shall include provisions that—

“(1) require, for the period in which the Gen-
eral Services Administration owns or controls the
Space, the General Services Administration to pro-
vide rent for the Space;

“(2) terminate such agreement if—

“(A) the Museum does not continue to
qualify as a nonprofit organization under sec-
tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
1986; and

“(B) the Museum no longer uses the Space
as a children’s museum; and

“(3) prohibits the Museum from transferring
the interest in such agreement.
“(c) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—To carry out this section, the Administrator shall use funds derived from—

“(1) the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation fund; or

“(2) the International Trade Center fund.

“(d) REPORT.—The cooperative agreement under subsection (a) shall require the National Children’s Museum to submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate an annual report on the operations and finances of the Museum.”.

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 67 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“6735. National Children’s Museum.”.