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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS,
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds met at 10:15 a.m., in room 2253, Rayburn Building, Hon. John C. Kluczynski, presiding.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the House Public Works Committee will please come to order.

We meet today to consider H.R. 16175, a bill to authorize the transfer, conveyance, lease, and improvement of, and construction on, certain property in the District of Columbia, for use as a headquarters site for the Organization of American States, as sites for governments of foreign countries, and for other purposes.

This bill was introduced on March 25, 1968, by Mr. Fallon and Mr. Gray.

(H.R. 16175 follows:)

[H.R. 16175, 90th Cong., second sess.]

A BILL To authorize the transfer, conveyance, lease, and improvement of, and construction on, certain property in the District of Columbia, for use as a headquarters site for the Organization of American States, as sites for governments of foreign countries, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of American in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate the conduct of foreign relations by the Department of State in Washington, District of Columbia, through the creation of a more propitious atmosphere for the establishment of foreign government and international organization offices and other facilities, the Secretary of State is authorized to sell, lease, or otherwise transfer to foreign governments and international organizations property owned by the United States in the Northwest section of the District of Columbia bounded by Connecticut Avenue, Van Ness Street, Reno Road, and Tilden Street, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe. Every lease, contract of sale, deed, and other document of transfer shall provide (a) that the foreign government shall devote the property transferred to use for legation purposes, or (b) that the international organization shall devote the property transferred to its official uses, including supporting facilities.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of State is hereby authorized to transfer or convey to the Organization of American States, without monetary consideration, all right, title, and interest to a parcel of land not to exceed eight acres, to be selected by the Secretary of State, within the area described in section 1 of this Act. The deed conveying such property shall provide that the Organization of American States shall use the property solely as a site for a headquarters building and related improvements, and shall contain such other terms and conditions as he may prescribe.