118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1

To direct the Administrator of General Services to ensure that the design of public buildings in the United States adheres to the guiding principles for Federal architecture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Titus introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee

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. SHORT TITLE.
4  This Act may be cited as the “Democracy in Design
5  Act”.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
SEC. 2. CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AND SURVEY OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

(a) In general.—Section 3303 of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting ``(referred to in this section as the ‘Administrator’)’’ after “Services”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FEDERAL ARCHITECTURE.—The Administrator shall ensure that the design of public buildings in the United States adheres to the principles described in the report published by the Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Office Space entitled ‘Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture’ and dated June 1, 1962.”.

(b) Rulemaking.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of General Services shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary—

(A) to implement the amendment made by subsection (a)(2); and

(B) to establish minimum standards by which the Administrator of General Services shall design public buildings in the United States.
(2) NOTICE AND COMMENT.—The regulations required under paragraph (1) shall be issued after notice and an opportunity for public comment in accordance with the procedure applicable to substantive rules under section 553 of title 5, United States Code.