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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 2897 and 2513 ACS and SENATE, No. 2311 [1R]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED JUNE 20, 1988

Sponsored by Assemblymen WATSON, HARDWICK and Senator STOCKMAN

AN ACT concerning the ownership and control of the Trenton War Memorial, supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, repealing parts of the statutory law and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Legislature finds and declares that the Trenton War Memorial building is a cultural, historic and artistic asset to the citizens of New Jersey and is used for activities, performances and official convocations by organizations, groups and public agencies from throughout the State. The promotion, operation, restoration and maintenance of the War Memorial building is, therefore, in the public interest of the State and the best means to achieve this end is by the transfer of the ownership and operation of the building and lands to the State. It is also in the public interest of the State that existing use privileges of veterans organizations to space within the facility be continued.

2. Title or interest in any lands, buildings, facilities, furnishings or equipment heretofore acquired by, conveyed or transferred to, the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission established pursuant to R.S. 40:10-3 et seq. shall be transferred to the State of New Jersey and, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State shall accept title or interest therein, and shall upon execution of the transfer be the owner thereof. The Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

3. Upon transfer of title to the State the facility shall fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury, which shall be responsible for the promotion, operation, equipment,

restoration and maintenance of the facility, including the lands and improvements incident thereto, for the cultural, artistic and ceremonial activities of the citizens of the State. In the execution of these responsibilities, the State Treasurer shall be empowered to contract with qualified entities, which may include, but not be limited to, the Secretary of State or any other department, agency or authority of the State, a nonprofit corporation formed for that purpose, a professional management firm, or individuals possessing expertise of the type necessary to assure the well-being of the facility.

4. Any entity may, with the written authorization of the Secretary of State and written notice to the State Treasurer, solicit and raise funds and accept funds from any public or private source for the purposes of the maintenance, operation or improvement of the facility. Any entity authorized under this act to contract for the management of the facility may, with the written approval of the State Treasurer, levy fees or charges for the use of the facility. The State or any political subdivision of the State may appropriate moneys to the State Treasurer or any other department, agency or authority for such purposes which may include otherwise eligible general obligation bond funds. All moneys received from fund-raising activities, donations, appropriations, or fees and charges shall be immediately deposited into the War Memorial Fund established by section 5 of this act, unless the State Treasurer provides for alternative treatment of those funds. All moneys currently designated, held or appropriated for the Trenton War Memorial shall be deposited into the War Memorial Fund immediately upon execution of the transfer directed by section 2 of this act.

5. There is created a War Memorial Fund in the custody and control of the State Treasurer which shall be the repository for all moneys required to be deposited therein. Moneys held in the fund shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer for the purposes provided by this act in the manner required by law. The State Treasurer may invest or reinvest any moneys in the fund, or any portion thereof, according to law, but any income from, interest on, or increment to moneys so invested shall remain in the fund. Investment of such funds shall be consistent with policies of the Division of Investment.

6. The Department of the Treasury shall conduct a study and prepare a report concerning the optimal utilization of the facility, together with a plan for capital improvements based on the projected uses. This report shall be prepared after consultation with current and potential users of the facility, interested parties including legislative leadership, municipal and county officials, and private citizens, and shall analyze the benefits, costs and implications of incorporation of the facility into proposed civic development projects, its relationship to the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation, and other matters which may be relevant to the facility's utilization as an historic community structure. As part of the study the department shall evaluate the feasibility of allocating space in the War Memorial building to the display of documentary and other material of historic value. The department shall also consider ways in which the expertise of the Mercer County governing body and the Mercer County Improvement Authority may be used in regard to renovation of the building. The report shall indicate the State's intention with respect to the management of the facility. The department shall submit its report to the Governor and the Legislature within six months of execution of the transfer directed under section 2.

7. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the War Memorial Fund $3,000,000 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

8. The following are repealed:

R.S. 40:10-2 through 40:10-8, inclusive;

Section 3 of P.L. 1977, c. 432 (C. 40:10-9); and

Section 1 of P.L. 1983, c. 325 (C. 40:10-10).

9. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section 8 shall take effect upon the execution of the transfer directed by section 2.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Memorials and Cemeteries

Provides for transfer of Trenton War Memorial building to the State; appropriates $3,000,000.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2897

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 18, 1988

By Assemblymen WATSON, NAPLES, Cimino, Patero, Schluter, and Kamin

AN ACT concerning the ownership and control of the Trenton War Memorial, supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, repealing parts of the statutory law and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Legislature finds and declares that the Trenton War Memorial building is a cultural, historic and artistic asset to the citizens of New Jersey and is used for activities, performances and official convocations by organizations, groups and public agencies from throughout the State. The promotion, operation, restoration and maintenance of the War Memorial building is, therefore, in the public interest of the State and the best means to achieve this end is by the transfer of the ownership and operation of the building and lands to the State. It is also in the public interest of the State that existing use privileges of veterans organizations to space within the facility be continued.

2. Title or interest in any lands, buildings, facilities, furnishings or equipment heretofore acquired by, conveyed or transferred to, the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission established pursuant to R.S. 40:10-3 et seq. shall be transferred to the State of New Jersey and, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State shall accept title or interest therein, and shall upon execution of the transfer be the owner thereof. The Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

3. Upon transfer of title to the State the facility shall fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury, which shall be responsible for the promotion, operation, equipment, restoration and maintenance of the Trenton War Memorial building and the lands and improvements incident thereto for the cultural, artistic and ceremonial activities of the citizens of the

State. In the execution of these responsibilities, the State Treasurer shall be empowered to contract with qualified entities, which may include, but not be limited to, the Secretary of State or any other department, agency or authority of the State, a nonprofit corporation formed for that purpose, a professional management firm, or individuals possessing expertise of the type necessary to assure the well-being of the facility.

4. Within 12 months of the execution of the transfer authorized by section 2 of this act, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature a report on the optimal utilization of the facility, together with a plan for capital improvements based on the projected uses. The report shall be prepared after consultation with current and potential users of the facility and interested parties, including legislative leadership, municipal and county officials, and private citizens, and shall analyze the benefits, costs, and implications of incorporation of the facility into proposed civic development projects, its relationship to the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation, and other matters which may be relevant to the facility's utilization as an historic community structure. The report shall indicate the State's intention with respect to the management of the facility.

5. Any entity may, with the written authorization of the Secretary of State and written notice to the State Treasurer, solicit and raise funds and accept funds from any public or private source for the purposes of the maintenance, operation or improvement of the facility. Any entity authorized under this act to contract for the management of the facility may, with the written approval of the State Treasurer, levy fees or charges for the use of the facility. The State or any political subdivision of the State may appropriate moneys to the State Treasurer or any other department, agency or authority for such purposes which may include otherwise eligible general obligation bond funds. All moneys received from fund-raising activities, donations, appropriations, or fees and charges shall be immediately deposited into the War Memorial Fund established by section 6 of this act, unless the State Treasurer provides for alternative treatment of those funds. All moneys currently designated, held or appropriated for the Trenton War Memorial shall be deposited into the War Memorial Fund immediately upon execution of the transfer directed by section 2 of this act.

6. There is created a War Memorial Fund in the custody and control of the State Treasurer which shall be the repository for all moneys required to be deposited therein. Moneys held in the fund shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer for the purposes provided by this act in the manner required by law. The State Treasurer may invest or reinvest any moneys in the fund, or any portion thereof, according to law, but any income from, interest on, or increment to moneys so invested shall remain in the fund. Investment of such funds shall be consistent with policies of the Division of Investment.

7. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the War Memorial Fund $3,000,000 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

8. The following are repealed:

R.S.40:10-2 through 40:10-8, inclusive;

Section 3 of P.L. 1977, c. 432 (C. 40:10-9); and

Section 1 of P.L. 1983, c. 325 (C. 40:10-10).

9. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 shall take effect upon the execution of the transfer directed by section 2.

STATEMENT

This bill directs the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission to transfer the Trenton War Memorial to the State. The facility would be under the control and jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury. The bill creates a War Memorial Fund in the State Treasury into which would be deposited all funds appropriated or donated for the operation or improvement of the war memorial. The Governor is directed to submit a report to the Legislature within 12 months of the transfer of the facility to the State outlining the optimal utilization of the facility and a plan for capital improvements based on projected uses. The bill appropriates $3,000,000 to the War Memorial Fund to effectuate the bill's purposes.

STATE GOVERNMENT

Memorials and Cemeteries

Provides for transfer of Trenton War Memorial building to the State; appropriates $3,000,000.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2513

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 14, 1988

By Assemblymen HARDWICK, KAVANAUGH, Kline, Miller, Villane, Palaia, Kyrillos, Assemblywoman Smith, Assemblyman Bennett, Assemblywoman Ogden, Assemblyman Frelinghuysen, Assemblywoman Farragher, Assemblymen Kern, Kamin and Kelly

AN ACT permitting the transfer of the Trenton War Memorial to the State, establishing a New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Advisory Commission, supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, repealing parts of the statutory law and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

a. In 1924 the Legislature authorized the establishment of the Trenton War Memorial as a permanent memorial to honor the members of America's armed forces for their service in time of war.

b. Since its completion the Trenton War Memorial building has been host to innumerable cultural performances and entertainment events and has been used for meetings, ceremonies and activities by veterans' organizations, civic and community groups and public agencies from around the State.

c. While the Trenton War Memorial commemorates the courage and sacrifice of all of New Jersey's citizens who served their country and while it has been used by groups from all parts of the State, the cost of operating and maintaining the War Memorial has fallen disproportionately on the City of Trenton and the County of Mercer.

d. It is fitting, therefore, that the responsibility for restoring, operating and maintaining the War Memorial building and promoting its activities should be transferred from the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission to the State.

2. The Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission, heretofore established pursuant to R.S. 40:10-3 et seq. for the purpose of constructing and operating a war memorial building, may transfer to the State of New Jersey its title and interest in any lands, buildings, facilities, furnishings or

equipment heretofore acquired by, or conveyed or transferred to, the commission for its purposes, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State may accept the title and interest therein, and shall upon execution of the transfer be the owner thereof.

3. The Trenton War Memorial building and the lands appurtenant thereto shall hereafter be known as the New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial.

4. The Director of the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury is vested with the responsibility of restoring, operating, maintaining, equipping, managing and controlling the New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial and providing for the promotion of its activities for the cultural, artistic, ceremonial and civic benefit of the citizens of this State.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property is empowered to solicit and accept funds from any public or private source to be used by the director for the purpose of operating, maintaining and improving the war memorial. The State and any political subdivision of the State may appropriate moneys to the director for these purposes. All monies received by the director from fund-raising activities, donations, appropriations, or fees and charges levied by the commission shall be deposited in the New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Fund established pursuant to section 6 of this act.

6. There is created a New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Fund in the custody and control of the State Treasurer which shall be the repository for all moneys required to be deposited therein. Moneys held in the fund shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer, upon certification of the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property and warrant of the Comptroller, in the manner required by law. The State Treasurer may invest or reinvest any moneys in the fund, or any portion thereof, according to law, but any income from interest on or increment to moneys so invested shall remain with the fund.

The State Treasurer shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to govern the administration of the fund for the purposes of this section.

7. The Director of the Division of Purchase and Property shall adopt an annual budget in such form and at such time annually as

the State Treasurer shall require. No moneys may be disbursed from the New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Fund except pursuant to the annual budget so adopted.

8. There is established in, but not of, the Department of the Treasury a New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Advisory Commission. The commission shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces. Five members, no more than three of whom are members of the same political party, shall be appointed by the Governor. Two members, no more than one of whom is of the same political party, shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. Two members, no more than one of whom is of the same political party, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly. Of the members appointed by the Governor, two shall be residents of this State who have been recommended by the Adjutant General of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Defense and three shall be residents of the county in which the war memorial is situated who have been recommended by both the Adjutant General and the county executive of that county. The Governor shall make every effort to ensure that at least three of his appointees are persons who are known for their competence and experience in connection with the arts.

Members shall serve for terms of three years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that of the members first appointed by the Governor, three shall serve for terms of three years, one for a term of two years and one for a term of a one year; of the members first appointed by the President of the Senate, one shall serve for a term of two years and one for a term of one year; and of the members first appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve for a term of one year. Any vacancy among the members of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term only.

A chairman of the commission shall be designated by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.

Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the commission.

9. The commission shall organize as soon as may be practicable after the appointment of its members and may appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

10. It shall be the duty of the commission to evaluate and recommend to the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property ways in which the New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial may best be used and improved so as to serve the citizens of this State consistent with its purpose of honoring the members of America's armed forces.

11. The Division of Purchase and Property shall render all assistance requested by the commission to effectuate the purposes of this act.

12. The Department of the Treasury shall conduct a study and prepare a report concerning the optimal utilization of the facility, together with a plan for capital improvements based on the projected uses. This report shall be prepared after consultation with current and potential users of the facility, interested parties including legislative leadership, municipal and county officials, and private citizens, and shall analyze the benefits, costs and implications of incorporation of the facility into proposed civic development projects, its relationship to the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation, and other matters which may be relevant to the facility's utilization as an historic community structure. As part of the study the department shall evaluate whether it would be feasible to house the State Archives in the War Memorial Building. The department shall also consider ways in which the expertise of the Mercer County Improvement Authority may be used in regard to renovation of the building. The department shall submit its report to the Governor and the Legislature within three months of execution of the transfer permitted under section 2.

13. The following are repealed:

R.S. 40:10-2 through 40:10-8, inclusive;

Section 3 of P.L. 1977, c. 432 (C. 40:10-9);

Section 1 of P.L. 1983, c. 325 (C. 40:10-10).

14. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of the Treasury $50,000.00 to effectuate the purposes of section 12.

15. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New

Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Fund $3,000,000.00 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

16. Section 2 of this act shall take effect immediately, sections 12 and 14 shall take effect upon the execution of the transfer permitted under section 2 and sections 1, 3 through 11, 13 and 15 shall take effect six months after the execution of the transfer permitted under section 2.

STATEMENT

This bill provides for the transfer of the Trenton War Memorial to the State. The memorial would be renamed the New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial and would be operated and controlled by the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property. The bill creates a special fund in the State Treasury into which would be deposited all funds appropriated or donated for the management or improvement of the war memorial. The bill also creates a nine-member New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Advisory Commission to recommend to the director ways in which the war memorial may best be used and improved. In addition, the Department of the Treasury is directed to conduct a study of the optimal utilization of the facility, together with a plan for capital improvements based on the projected uses. The bill appropriates $3,000,000.00 to the New Jersey Veterans' War Memorial Fund to effectuate the bill's purposes and $50,000.00 to defray the costs of the study which the Department of the Treasury is required to conduct.

STATE GOVERNMENT
Memorials and Cemeteries

Provides for transfer of Trenton War Memorial to the State and creates N.J. Veterans' War Memorial Advisory Commission; appropriates $3,050,000.

SENATE, No. 2311

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 28, 1988

By Senators STOCKMAN and McMANIMON

AN ACT concerning the ownership and control of the Trenton War Memorial, supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, repealing parts of the statutory law and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. The Legislature finds and declares that the Trenton War Memorial building is a cultural, historic and artistic asset to the citizens of New Jersey and is used for activities, performances and official convocations by organizations, groups and public agencies from throughout the State. The promotion, operation, restoration and maintenance of the War Memorial building is, therefore, in the public interest of the State and the best means to achieve this end is by the transfer of the ownership and operation of the building and lands to the State. It is also in the public interest of the State that existing use privileges of veterans organizations to space within the facility be continued.

2. Title or interest in any lands, buildings, facilities, furnishings or equipment heretofore acquired by, conveyed or transferred to, the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission established pursuant to R.S. 40:10-3 et seq. shall be transferred to the State of New Jersey and, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State shall accept title or interest therein, and shall upon execution of the transfer be the owner thereof. The Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

3. Upon transfer of title to the State the facility shall fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury, which shall be responsible for the promotion, operation, equipment, restoration and maintenance of the Trenton War Memorial building and the lands and improvements incident thereto for the cultural, artistic and ceremonial activities of the citizens of the

State. In the execution of these responsibilities, the State Treasurer shall be empowered to contract with qualified entities, which may include, but not be limited to, the Secretary of State or any other department, agency or authority of the State, a nonprofit corporation formed for that purpose, a professional management firm, or individuals possessing expertise of the type necessary to assure the well-being of the facility.

4. Within 12 months of the execution of the transfer authorized by section 2 of this act, the Governor shall submit to the Legislature a report on the optimal utilization of the facility, together with a plan for capital improvements based on the projected uses. The report shall be prepared after consultation with current and potential users of the facility and interested parties, including legislative leadership, municipal and county officials, and private citizens, and shall analyze the benefits, costs, and implications of incorporation of the facility into proposed civic development projects, its relationship to the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation, and other matters which may be relevant to the facility's utilization as an historic community structure. The report shall indicate the State's intention with respect to the management of the facility.

5. Any entity may, with the written authorization of the Secretary of State and written notice to the State Treasurer, solicit and raise funds and accept funds from any public or private source for the purposes of the maintenance, operation or improvement of the facility. Any entity authorized under this act to contract for the management of the facility may, with the written approval of the State Treasurer, levy fees or charges for the use of the facility. The State or any political subdivision of the State may appropriate moneys to the State Treasurer or any other department, agency or authority for such purposes which may include otherwise eligible general obligation bond funds. All moneys received from fund-raising activities, donations, appropriations, or fees and charges shall be immediately deposited into the War Memorial Fund established by section 6 of this act, unless the State Treasurer provides for alternative treatment of those funds. All moneys currently designated, held or appropriated for the Trenton War Memorial shall be deposited into the War Memorial Fund immediately upon execution of the transfer directed by section 2 of this act.

6. There is created a War Memorial Fund in the custody and control of the State Treasurer which shall be the repository for all moneys required to be deposited therein. Moneys held in the fund shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer for the purposes provided by this act in the manner required by law. The State Treasurer may invest or reinvest any moneys in the fund, or any portion thereof, according to law, but any income from, interest on, or increment to moneys so invested shall remain in the fund. Investment of such funds shall be consistent with policies of the Division of Investment.

7. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the War Memorial Fund $3,000,000 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

8. The following are repealed:

R.S. 40:10-2 through 40:10-8, inclusive;

Section 3 of P.L. 1977, c. 432 (C. 40:10-9); and

Section 1 of P.L. 1983, c. 325 (C. 40:10-10).

9. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8 shall take effect upon the execution of the transfer directed by section 2.

STATEMENT

This bill directs the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission to transfer the Trenton War Memorial to the State. The facility would be under the control and jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury. The bill creates a War Memorial Fund in the State Treasury into which would be deposited all funds appropriated or donated for the operation or improvement of the war memorial. The Governor is directed to submit a report to the Legislature within 12 months of the transfer of the facility to the State outlining the optimal utilization of the facility and a plan for capital improvements based on projected uses. The bill appropriates $3,000,000 to the War Memorial Fund to effectuate the bill's purposes.

STATE GOVERNMENT
Memorials and Cemeteries

Provides for transfer of Trenton War Memorial building to the State; appropriates $3,000,000.

ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 2897 and 2513

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 23, 1988

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bills Nos. 2897 and 2513.

This bill directs the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission to transfer the Trenton War Memorial to the State. The facility will be under the control and jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer is authorized to contract with qualified parties, including public and private entities, for the management, operation and maintenance of the facility and to assure its well-being.

The bill allows any entity which obtains the written authorization of the Secretary of State and gives written notice to the State Treasurer to raise and accept funds for the facility's maintenance, operation and improvement. The State and any political subdivision thereof are authorized to appropriate money, including eligible general obligation bond funds, for such purposes. The bill creates a War Memorial Fund in the State Treasury into which will be deposited all funds appropriated or donated for the operation or improvement of the War Memorial.

The Department of the Treasury is directed to submit to the Governor and the Legislature, within six months of the transfer of the facility to the State, a report outlining the optimal utilization of the facility and a plan for capital improvements based on projected uses. The department is also directed to consider ways in which the expertise of the Mercer County governing body and the Mercer County Improvement Authority may be used in regard to renovation of the building, but the role of the county government with respect to the facility is to be advisory only.

The bill appropriates $3,000,000 to the War Memorial Fund to effectuate the bill's purposes.

Present statutes are repealed concerning the erection and maintenance by certain municipalities and counties of war memorial buildings commemorating the services of United States soldiers and sailors.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

ASSEMBLY, Nos. 2897 and 2513 ACS and SENATE, No. 2311 [1R]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 1988

The Assembly Appropriations Committee favorably reports an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill Nos. 2897/2513 (ACS) and Senate Bill No. 2311 (1R).

Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2897/2513 (ACS) and Senate Bill No. 2311 (1R) directs the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission to transfer the Trenton War Memorial to the State. The substitute also creates the War Memorial Fund and appropriates $3,000,000 to the fund. The facility will be under the control and jurisdiction of the Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer is authorized to contract with qualified parties, including public and private entities, for the management, operation and maintenance of the facility and to assure its well-being.

This committee substitute allows any entity which obtains the written authorization of the Secretary of State and gives written notice to the State Treasurer to raise and accept funds for the facility's maintenance, operation and improvement. The State and any political subdivision thereof are authorized to appropriate money, including eligible general obligation bond funds, for such purposes. All funds appropriated or donated for the operation or improvement of the War Memorial will be deposited into the War Memorial Fund.

The Department of the Treasury is directed to submit to the Governor and the Legislature, within six months of the transfer of the facility to the State, a report outlining the optimal utilization of the facility and a plan for capital improvements based on projected uses. The department is also directed to consider ways in which the expertise of the Mercer County governing body and the Mercer County Improvement Authority may be used in regard to renovation of the building, but the role of the county government with respect to the facility is to be advisory only.

FISCAL IMPACT

The committee substitute appropriates $3,000,000 from the General Fund to the War Memorial Fund, which is created by the substitute.

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WED., AUG. 31, 1988

Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed legislation to transfer ownership and control of the Trenton War Memorial to the State.

The legislation, first proposed by Kean in his State of the State address in January in the War Memorial Building, was sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblymen John Watson, D-Mercer, and Chuck Hardwick, R-Union. In the Senate, the bill was sponsored by Senators Gerald Stockman and Francis McManimon, both D-Mercer.

The bill provides that the building be transferred to the State Department of the Treasury from the Trenton and Mercer County Memorial Building Commission.

The State Department of the Treasury will be responsible for conducting a study concerning the utilization of the building, along with a plan for capital improvements to the structure.

The legislation also creates a War Memorial Fund which will receive all monies generated by fund-raising activities, donations, fees or charges from events held in the building.

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