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Representatives Robert Dole (R-Kan.) and Donald Rumsfeld (R-Ill.) today submitted to Speaker John McCormack a petition, signed by 65 Republican Members of Congress who have office space in the Longworth and Cannon House Office Buildings, requesting that the proposed expenditures for renovation of those two buildings be sharply limited.

The petition stated: "In our judgment the desired results can be achieved through minor alterations," and requested that Members of Congress have an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes with the House Office Building Commission before any final decisions are made.

Representative Dole indicated that it was his understanding that a major and quite costly renovation of the Cannon and Longworth House Office Buildings was being planned. He stated: "Because of the feeling of many Members of Congress that this is not an appropriate time to embark on a costly renovation program and because of the immediate need for additional office space, 3 rooms as opposed to the present 2 rooms, it would be far more desirable to make this space available immediately with only minor alterations."

Dole continued, "For this reason Congressman Rumsfeld and I have discussed this with most of the Republican Members of Congress whose offices are located in these two buildings and have obtained their signatures on a petition to Speaker McCormack in his capacity as Chairman of the House Office Building Commission.

Rumsfeld added, "It is my hope that Speaker McCormack and the other Members of the House Office Building Commission, Representatives Charles Goodell (R-N.Y.) and Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) will recognize the overwhelming support among both Republican and Democratic Members for keeping renovation costs to a minimum and for providing the additional space which is now available and is so gravely needed by many Members."

Rumsfeld concluded: "It is our hope that our petition will be taken up by the Commission when it meets at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 1965."