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PLANS FOR THE NEW TOPEKA FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING WERE APPROVED TODAY BY THE HOUSE PUBLIC BUILDINGS SUBCOMMITTEE. FOLLOWING FINAL SENATE ACTION LAST MONTH, TODAY'S PROGRESS LEAVES ONLY ONE MORE STEP IN SECURING FULL CONGRESSIONAL CLEARANCE FOR THE PROJECT. THE FULL HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MUST NOW GRANT ITS APPROVAL, SO THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CAN PROCEED WITH SITE SELECTION AND MOVE TOWARD CONSTRUCTION.

AFTER SOME DELAY IN SCHEDULING SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE TOPEKA PROJECT, I CONTACTED THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER LAST WEEK. THEY GAVE THEIR ASSURANCES THAT THE TOPEKA BUILDING WOULD BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY. I AM PLEASED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS ACTED, AND, HOPEFULLY, THE LAST STEP IN THE APPROVAL PROCESS CAN BE TAKEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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