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### ***FEDERAL UPDATE***

#### Earmarks Moratorium Proposed for FY'09 Senate Budget Resolution

Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) has proposed a year-long moratorium on earmarks which he intends to introduce as part of the FY'09 Senate Budget resolution. This comes on the heels of President Bush's announcement last month that he would veto fiscal 2009 spending bills that do not reduce the member-sponsored projects by 50 percent, and an executive order he signed instructing federal agencies to ignore earmarks unless they were included in the bill text. However, earmarking generally is not done in bill language itself, but instead added to committee and conference reports on spending bills.

A GOP memo expounding on the earmarks limitations was circulating on Capitol Hill this week which states that, once an earmark is secured, members would need to 1) submit a detailed finance plan (that would be published in the *Congressional Record*) providing the name and address of the entity receiving the earmark; 2) an explanation of how the money would be spent; 3) why such an earmark is justified; and 4) a description of any matching funds.

The National Trust and its preservation partners remain concerned about the effect of any moratorium or limitations on earmarks, particularly as they would affect appropriations that are earmarked for individual historic preservation projects under the Save America's Treasures (SAT) program.

Stay tuned for breaking developments.

### ***STATE & LOCAL UPDATE***

#### South Dakota Preservationists Fight to Save HSC Building Complex

Preservation advocates in South Dakota are seeking a moratorium on the demolition of the 1878 Human Services Center (HSC) buildings in Yankton. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Human Services Center was established as the Dakota Hospital for the Insane in 1878 and is the oldest public institution in South Dakota. The HSC building complex reflects Art Deco, Prairie, Italianate, and Classic architectural influences from the late-1870s to the mid-1940s. These buildings are currently vacant, but with proper assessment and creative financing they could be adaptively reused to once again serve Yankton and greater southeastern South Dakota.

The National Trust is working in partnership with the Yankton County Historical Society and Preserve South Dakota — in cooperation with the Bureau of Administration, the Department of Human Services, and the State Historic Preservation Office — to identify alternatives to demolition. The Trust's goal

Commercial and  
Residential  
Rehab Credits  
Would Be  
Increased to 25%  
Under New  
Proposal

is to preserve and protect the threatened historic buildings by working with the State to identify viable redevelopment scenarios and developers.

### Increase in Georgia Historic Rehab Credit Passes House Tax-Writing Committee

A bill to strengthen the Georgia State Historic Tax Credit is moving in the State Legislature. The House Ways and Means Committee gave its approval to HB 851, which would increase both the commercial and residential credit for historic rehabilitation to 25% (up from 10% for the residential credit and 20% for the commercial credit). The bill would also increase the per-project cap from \$5,000 to \$100,000 for residential properties and \$300,000 for commercial properties, and it would allow a one-time transfer of the credit. To read the complete text of HB 851, visit [http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2007\\_08/fulltext/hb851.htm](http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2007_08/fulltext/hb851.htm)