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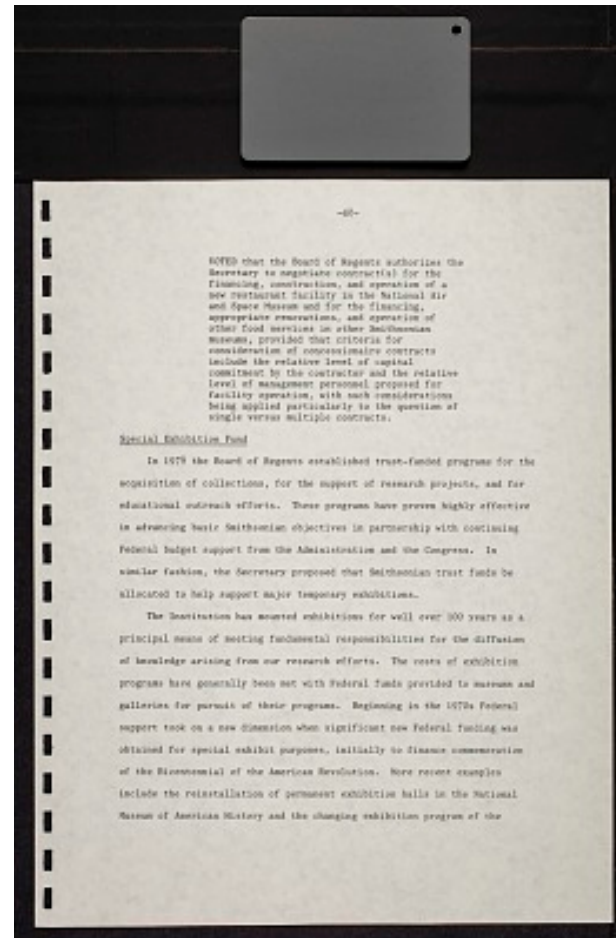
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VOTED that the Board of Regents authorizes the Secretary to negotiate contract(s) for the financing, construction, and operation of a new restaurant facility in the National Air and Space Museum and for the financing, appropriate renovations, and operation of other food services in other Smithsonian museums, provided that criteria for consideration of concessionaire contracts include the relative level of capital commitment by the contractor and the relative level of management personnel proposed for facility operation, with such considerations being applied particularly to the question of single versus multiple contracts.

Special Exhibition Fund

In 1978 the Board of Regents established trust-funded programs for the acquisition of collections, for the support of research projects, and for educational outreach efforts. These programs have proven highly effective in advancing basic Smithsonian objectives in partnership with continuing Federal budget support from the Administration and the Congress. In similar fashion, the Secretary proposed that Smithsonian trust funds be allocated to help support major temporary exhibitions. The Institution has mounted exhibitions for well over 100 years as a principal means of meeting fundamental responsibilities for the diffusion of knowledge arising from our research efforts. The costs of exhibition programs have generally been met with Federal funds provided to museums and galleries for pursuit of their programs. Beginning in the 1970s Federal support took on a new dimension when significant new Federal funding was obtained for special exhibit purposes, initially to finance commemoration of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution. More recent examples include the reinstallation of permanent exhibition halls in the National Museum of American History and the changing exhibition program of the



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