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in its East Court, together with renovation of space and replacement of systems throughout the existing structure. The new construction is estimated at \$30 million and the renovation at \$116.3 million. At its recent meeting the Audit and Review Committee examined this proposal in detail and endorsed it.

The Institution has authority for the renovation, and appropriations have been provided and budgeted for it. The Smithsonian's fiscal year 1991 request includes \$1.5 million for planning of the East Court construction, for which specific authority is required. The following motion was approved:

VOTED that the Board of Regents requests its Congressional members to introduce and support legislation to provide authority for construction of new space in the East Court of the Natural History Building.

PROPOSED HENRY MEDAL FOR AUGUST HECKSCHER

VOTED that the Board of Regents awards the Henry Medal to August Heckscher in recognition of his great service and dedicated friendship to the Smithsonian Institution and to the Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO SMITHSONIAN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VOTED that in accordance with Public Law 95-414 the Board of Regents reappoints to the Commission of the National Museum of African Art John A. Friede, James L. Hudson and Frieda Rosenthal, and appoints Brian C. Layden and Michael L. Lomax to terms expiring December 31, 1992.

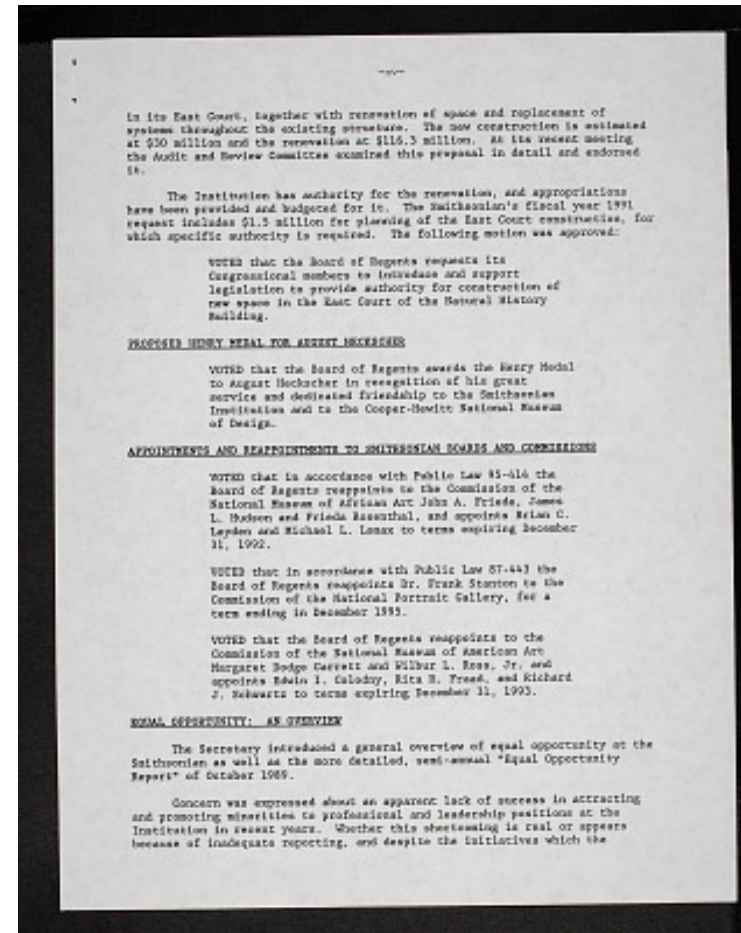
VOTED that in accordance with Public Law 87-443 the Board of Regents reappoints Dr. Frank Stanton to the Commission of the National Portrait Gallery, for a term ending in December 1995.

VOTED that the Board of Regents reappoints to the Commission of the National Museum of American Art Margaret Dodge Garrett and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. and appoints Edwin I. Colodny, Rita R. Fraad, and Richard J. Schwartz to terms expiring December 31, 1993.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: AN OVERVIEW

The Secretary introduced a general overview of equal opportunity at the Smithsonian as well as the more detailed, semi-annual "Equal Opportunity Report" of October 1989.

Concern was expressed about an apparent lack of success in attracting and promoting minorities to professional and leadership positions at the Institution in recent years. Whether this shortcoming is real or appears because of inadequate reporting, and despite the initiatives which the



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