

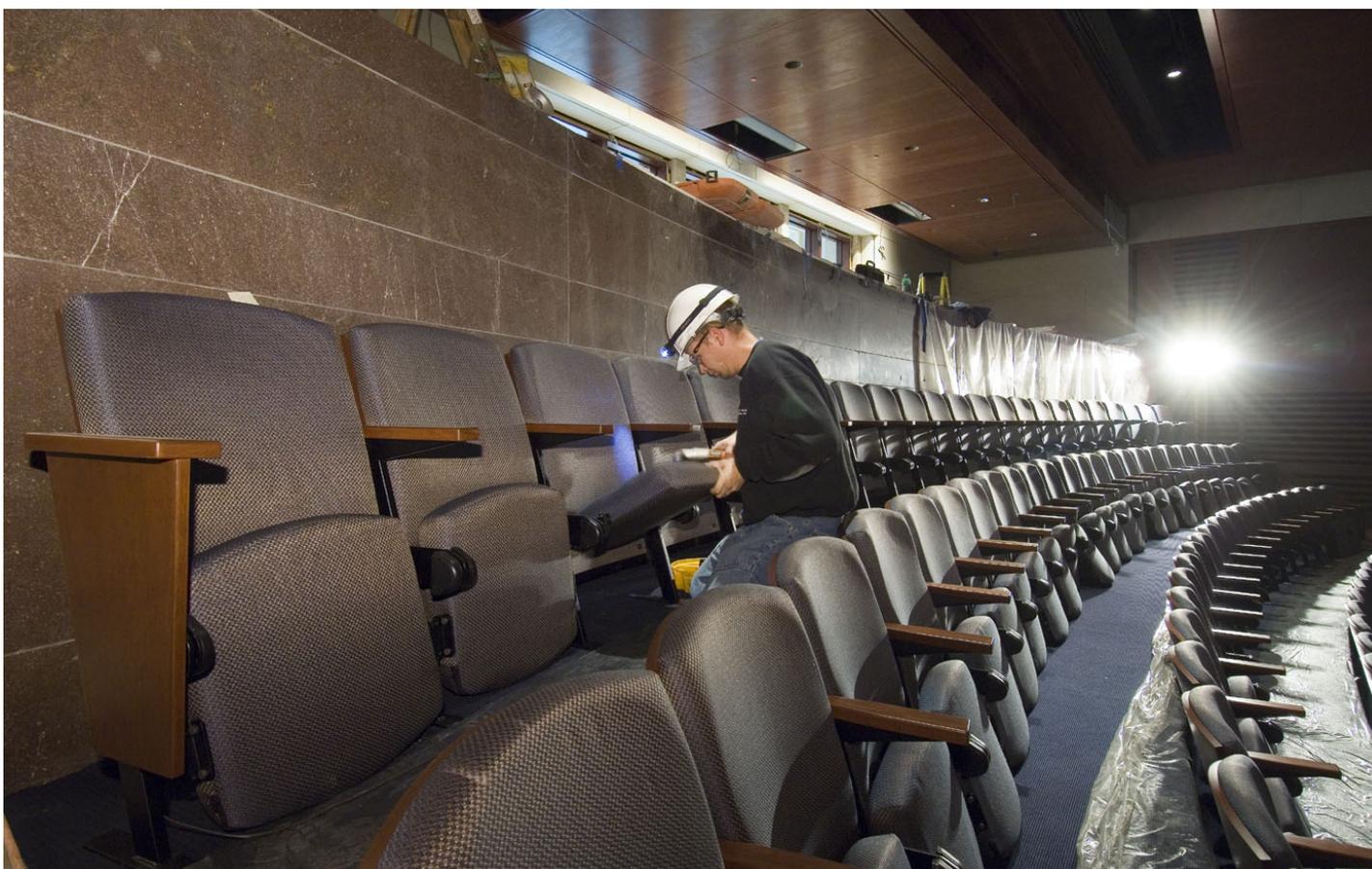


# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A worker installs a seat cushion for a chair inside the North Orientation Theater. A 13-minute orientation film will be shown three times per hour in both the North and South Theaters. Show times will be staggered so that visitors enter one theater while leaving the other.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 1/29/07 through 2/2/07**

- Carpet and chair installation is complete on the seat tiers in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers are now installing carpeting at the upper level in both theaters near the exit doors. Workers have completed installing the cherry wood veneer panels on the sliding projection screen panels and are nearly complete with installation of millwork and fabric wall panels. The millwork door frames have also been installed in both theaters.
- Workers have completed the ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. The escalator contractor will begin installation activities this week. Workers at the Crypt level are applying the second coat of plaster to the central ceiling while masons continue stone installation at the Rotunda level along the west wall.
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster work is complete on the ceiling of the virtual House Theater and will be completed in the Senate Theater this week. Drywall installation on the theater walls is ongoing. Workers continue installing the glass floor panels around the Wall of Aspirations. Workers have completed installation of the central door frames and sliding panels.
- Masons continue setting floor tiles in the Food Service servery area and are expected to be completed by the end of the week. Carpet installation will follow.
- Millwork is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and carpet installation may begin within two weeks. Painters are putting the final touches to the ceiling plaster and soffits in these meeting rooms.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair.

- Workers are completing final rebar assembly for concrete floor panels in the Congressional Auditorium. Concrete placements are expected to begin early this week. A scaffold is being assembled for ceiling work above the stage.
- In House Expansion Space, workers have completed all structural steel work in the House Hearing Room and have begun framing the ceiling. Steel support work for accordion partition walls is nearly complete in adjacent meeting rooms while millwork installation continues in these areas. In Senate Expansion Space, ceiling grids are being installed in several meeting rooms and installation of projection system lifts will begin early in February. Within a few weeks, crews will begin carpet and door installation throughout the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.



With the aid of an electronic suction machine, workers set a 500-pound glass floor panel to a steel support grid in the CVC's Exhibition Hall.

## **Next Week – 2/5/07 – 2/9/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Escalator installation will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Drywall and plaster work will continue along the walls of the virtual House and Senate Theaters.
- Wall panel finish work will continue in both Orientation Theaters.
- Carpet installation may begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will complete placement of concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area. Installation of granite tiles is expected to be completed and carpet installation may begin in the seating area late in the week.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Stone work is expected to continue in the East Front at the Rotunda level.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.

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