



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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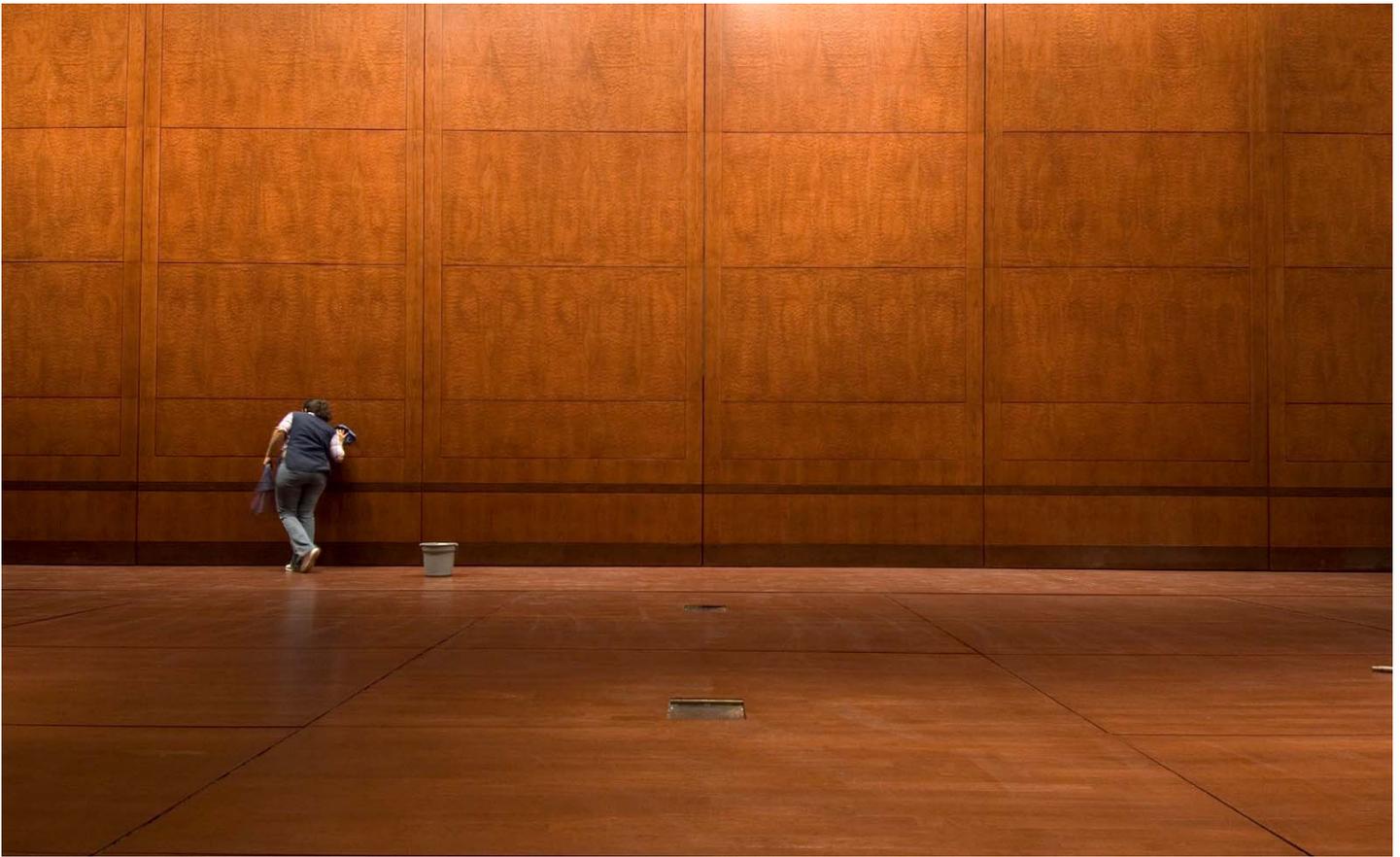
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A landscaper rolls out sod on the sloping terrain that lies between a tree-lined stepped walkway and a curving ramp approaching the CVC north entrance. The CVC landscape design revives the picturesque and park-like setting designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in his 1874 plan.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/10/07 through 12/14/07

- The final acceptance testing process on the CVC's fire and life-safety systems continues on schedule.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, carpet installers, and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the expansion spaces.
- Way-finding and room signs have been installed throughout the CVC public spaces.
- In the Exhibition Hall, metal works are nearly complete with the installation of bronze railings for the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. Later this week, workers will also install the glass wall panels at the north end of the Hall. All major case components on both sides of the Wall of Aspirations have been installed.
- Audio-visual technicians continue to install projection system equipment and test the sound systems in each theater.
- At the CVC entrance zones, masons are essentially complete with the installation of granite pavers except for detail work. Landscape crews have completed nearly one acre of sod placement along the north entrance ramp (photo above).
- In the House stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at the lowest level of the atrium and continue to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. Stair tread installation is complete in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- A crew has installed the terrazzo floor through the length of the Cannon connector tunnel.
- In the East Front, ceiling work continues at the Rotunda and Gallery levels and plaster work is nearing completion.
- Metal workers are essentially complete with installation of bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- Workers will continue to place concrete for the curving approach ramp leading to the CVC's south entrance.



A worker polishes one of the cherry wood panels that hang in front of a 28-foot wide projection screen in the Congressional Auditorium. All of the CVC spaces (excluding House and Senate Expansion space) have been cleaned in preparation for the subsequent architectural inspections.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building where ceiling framework and plaster activities continue.
- Technicians continue inspections of fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.

Next Week – 12/17/07 – 12/21/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Punch-list work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, carpeting, doors, and other finish materials are inspected.
- The AOC Fire Marshal will continue the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue ceiling work at the Rotunda and Gallery Levels in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Way-finding signage installation will continue.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in the House Stairwell Atrium while masons complete the lower level stone work in the Senate Stairwell Atrium.
- Ceiling work will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of the terrazzo floor later this month.



At the Gallery Level (third floor) of the East Front of the Capitol, ceiling work is nearly complete. Stone work in this area was completed this fall.

For additional information about the CVC project, contact the project communications officer, Tom Fontana, at fontana@oc.gov or visit the project web site at www.oc.gov. Be sure to click on the "Capitol Visitor Center" link on the homepage.