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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]
CONFERENCE PROPOSAL (H.R. 1617)

(Page and line nos. refer to H.R. 1617, as passed the Senate)

Page 342, after line 16, insert the following:

"(4) SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT.—From the sums reserved under subsection (a)(2) for any fiscal year that are not obligated before the termination of the 6-month period beginning on the date on which the sums first become available to the Director for obligation, the Director shall allot to each State an amount that bears the same relation to such sums as the population of the State bears to the population of all the States.

Page 342, line 17, strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".

Page 365, line 3, strike "GENERAL.—From" and insert "GENERAL.—Subject to section 221(b)(4), from".
SEC. 262 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL--From the amounts reserved under section 221(a)(2) for any fiscal year the Director shall establish and carry out a program providing national leadership grants to enhance the quality of library services nationwide and to provide coordination with museums.

(1) keep Senate language
(2) keep Senate language
(3) keep Senate language
(4) model programs demonstrating cooperative efforts between libraries and museums.

"(b) GRANTS OR CONTRACTS--

"(1) IN GENERAL --The Director may carry out the activities described in subsection (a) by awarding grants to, or entering into contracts with, libraries, agencies, institutions of higher education, or museums, where appropriate.

(2) keep Senate language

"(c) SPECIAL RULE--The Director shall make every effort to ensure that activities assisted under this section are administered by appropriate library and museum professionals or experts.
The term "State" includes, in addition to the several States of the Union, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.