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STATEMENT BY SENATOR HATCH

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased that you are holding the hearing this morning on the issues which would be addressed by a Second White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services, to be held in 1989. As you know, I was a supporter of the resolution in the 99th Congress and I am a cosponsor again this year of S.J.Res. 26 urging that such a conference be held.

At a time when we are all thinking about improving America's competitiveness on the world scene, and acknowledging the role that education must play in improving our competitive capabilities, a Conference on Libraries and Information Services is right on target. We must utilize technological developments to provide information and educational services more quickly and fully to all of our citizens, in both urban and rural areas. I believe that the proposed conference will further that goal, just as the first Conference on Libraries and Information Services held ten years ago was productive.

I am particularly pleased that Dr. Glenn R. Wilde, Associate Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences at
Utah State University is here as a witness today. His expertise in this field is widely recognized. I extend a special welcome to him and look forward to hearing his testimony along with that of the other scheduled witnesses.

Mr. Chairman, again I commend you for your sponsorship of S. J. Res. 26 and for your appreciation of the educational needs of our country in this matter. I shall do all I can to assist you in passing this resolution and ensuring that the proposed White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services becomes a reality.