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100TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. J. RES. 26**

[Report No. 100-____]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21 (legislative day, JANUARY 20), 1987

Mr. PELL introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

SEPTEMBER ____ (legislative day, _____), 1987

Reported by Mr. KENNEDY, with an amendment to the text and an amendment to the title

[Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert the part printed in italic]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the President to call a White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held not later than 1989, and for other purposes.

Whereas access to information and ideas is indispensable to the development of human potential, the advancement of civilization, and the continuance of enlightened self-government;

Whereas the preservation and the dissemination of information and ideas are the primary purpose and function of the library and information services;

Whereas the economic vitality of the United States in a global economy and the productivity of the work force of the Nation rest on access to information in the postindustrial information age;

Whereas the White House Conference on Library and Information Services of 1979 began a process in which a broadly representative group of citizens made recommendations that have improved the library and information services of the Nation, and sparked the Nation's interest in the crucial role of library and information services at home and abroad;

Whereas library and information service is essential to a learning society;

Whereas social, demographic, and economic shifts of the past decade have intensified the rate of change and require that Americans of all age groups develop and sustain literacy and other lifelong learning habits;

Whereas expanding technological developments offer unprecedented opportunities for application to teaching and learning and to new means to provide access to library and information services;

Whereas the growth and augmentation of the Nation's library and information services are essential if all Americans, without regard to race, ethnic background, or geographic location are to have reasonable access to adequate information and lifelong learning;

1 (1) representatives of professional library and
2 information personnel and individuals who support
3 or furnish volunteer services to libraries and infor-
4 mation services centers, from all age groups and
5 walks of life, and members of the general public;

6 (2) representatives of local, statewide, regional,
7 and national institutions, agencies, organizations, and
8 associations which provide library and information
9 services to the public;

10 (3) representatives of educational institutions,
11 agencies, organizations, and associations (including
12 professional and scholarly associations for the ad-
13 vancement of education and research);

14 (4) individuals with special knowledge of, and
15 special competence in, technology as it may be used
16 for the improvement of library and information serv-
17 ices; and

18 (5) representatives of Federal, State, and local
19 governments.

20 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS.—In carrying out
21 subsection (a)—

22 (1) one-fourth of the participants shall be select-
23 ed from the library and information profession;

24 (2) one-fourth of the participants shall be select-
25 ed from among individuals who are currently active

1 library and information supporters, including trustees
2 and friends groups;

3 (3) one-fourth shall be selected from among in-
4 dividuals who are Federal, State, or local govern-
5 ment officials; and

6 (4) one-fourth shall be selected from the general
7 public.

8 (d) STATE PARTICIPATION OPTIONAL.—State and terri-
9 torial delegates and alternates to the national conference
10 may participate in the respective State or territorial
11 conference.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

13 SEC. 3. (a) DIRECTION BY COMMISSION.—The Confer-
14 ence shall be planned and conducted under the direction of
15 the National Commission on Libraries and Information
16 Science.

17 (b) COMMISSION FUNCTIONS.—In carrying out this
18 joint resolution, the Commission shall—

19 (1) when appropriate, request the cooperation
20 and assistance of other Federal departments and
21 agencies in order to carry out its responsibilities;

22 (2) make technical and financial assistance (by
23 grant, contract, or otherwise) available to the States
24 to enable them to organize and conduct conferences
25 and other meetings in order to prepare for the Con-
26 ference;

1 (3) prepare and make available background ma-
2 terials for the use of delegates to the Conference and
3 associated State conferences; and prepare and distrib-
4 ute such reports of the Conference and associated
5 State conferences as may be appropriate; and

6 (4) conduct fiscal oversight activities with re-
7 spect to the preparation for and the convening of the
8 Conference including contracting for the services of
9 an audit firm.

10 (e) FEDERAL AGENCY COOPERATION AND ASSIST-
11 ANCE.—(1) Each Federal department and agency, including
12 the national libraries, shall cooperate with, and provide as-
13 sistance to the Commission upon its request under clause
14 (1) of subsection (b). For that purpose, each Federal de-
15 partment and agency is authorized and encouraged to pro-
16 vide personnel to the Commission.

17 (2) The Librarian of Congress, the Director of the Na-
18 tional Library of Medicine, and the Director of the Nation-
19 al Agricultural Library are authorized to detail personnel to
20 the Commission, upon request, to enable the Commission
21 to carry out its functions under this joint resolution.

22 (d) PERSONNEL.—In carrying out the provisions of this
23 joint resolution, the Commission is authorized to engage
24 such personnel as may be necessary to assist the Commis-
25 sion and the Advisory Committee, without regard for the

1 provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing ap-
2 pointments in the competitive service, and without regard
3 to chapter 51, and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title
4 relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

5 (c) EXPENSES.—Members of the Conference may,
6 while away from their homes or regular places of business
7 and attending the Conference, be allowed travel expenses,
8 including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as may be al-
9 lowed under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code,
10 for persons serving without pay. Such expenses may be
11 paid by way of advances, reimbursement, or in install-
12 ments as the Commission may determine.

13

REPORTS

14 SEC. 4. (a) SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT; TRANSMITTAL
15 TO CONGRESS.—A final report of the Conference, contain-
16 ing such findings and recommendations as may be made
17 by the Conference, shall be submitted to the President not
18 later than 120 days following the close of the Conference.
19 The final report shall be made public and, within 90 days
20 after its receipt by the President, transmitted to the Con-
21 gress together with a statement of the President containing
22 the recommendations of the President with respect to such
23 report.

24 (b) PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION.—The Commis-
25 sion is authorized to publish and distribute for the Confer-
26 ence the reports authorized under this joint resolution.

1 Copies of all such reports shall be provided to the deposi-
2 tory libraries.

3 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

4 **SEC. 5. (a) COMPOSITION.**—There is established an ad-
5 visory committee of the Conference composed of—

6 (1) eight individuals designated by the Chair-
7 man of the Commission;

8 (2) five individuals designated by the Speaker
9 of the House of Representatives with not more than
10 three being Members of the House of Representa-
11 tives;

12 (3) five individuals designated by the President
13 pro tempore of the Senate with not more than three
14 being Members of the Senate;

15 (4) ten individuals appointed by the President;

16 (5) the Secretary of Education; and

17 (6) the Librarian of Congress.

18 The President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chair-
20 man of the Commission shall, after consultation, assure
21 that members of the Advisory Committee are broadly rep-
22 resentative of all areas of the United States.

23 (b) **FUNCTION.**—The advisory committee shall assist
24 and advise the Commission in planning and conducting the
25 Conference.

1 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—(1) The Chairman of the Com-
2 mission shall serve as Vice Chairman of the Advisory
3 Committee. The Advisory Committee shall elect the Chair
4 of the Advisory Committee from among its members, who
5 are not full-time Federal employees. The Advisory Com-
6 mittee shall select the Chair of the Conference.

7 (2) The Chairman of the Advisory Committee is au-
8 thorized to establish, prescribe functions for, and appoint
9 members to, such advisory and technical committees and
10 staff as may be necessary to assist and advise the Confer-
11 ence in carrying out its functions.

12 (d) COMPENSATION.—Members of any committee es-
13 tablished under this section who are not regular full-time
14 officers or employees of the United States shall, while at-
15 tending to the business of the Conference, be entitled to
16 receive compensation therefor at a rate fixed by the Presi-
17 dent but not exceeding the rate of pay specified at the time
18 of such service for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of title 5,
19 United States Code, including traveltime. Such members,
20 may, while away from their homes or regular places of
21 business, be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in
22 lieu of subsistence, as may be authorized under section
23 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in the Gov-
24 ernment service employed intermittently.

1 GIFTS AND TITLE TO CERTAIN PROPERTY

2 SEC. 6. (a) GIFTS.—The Commission shall have au-
3 thority to accept, on behalf of the Conference, in the name
4 of the United States, grants, gifts, or bequests of money for
5 immediate disbursement by the Commission in furtherance
6 of the Conference. Such grants, gifts, or bequests offered
7 the Commission, shall be paid by the donor or his repre-
8 sentative into the Treasury of the United States, whose re-
9 ceipts shall enter such grants, gifts, and bequests in a spe-
10 cial account to the credit of the Commission for the
11 purposes of this joint resolution.

12 (b) REVERSION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND MATERI-
13 AL.—Materials and equipment acquired by the White
14 House Conference shall revert to the National Conference
15 on Libraries and Information Science after the close of the
16 White House Conference.

17 DEFINITIONS

18 SEC. 7. For the purpose of this joint resolution—

19 (1) the term “Commission” means the National
20 Commission on Libraries and Information Science;

21 (2) The term “Conference” means White
22 House Conference on Library and Information Serv-
23 ices; and

24 (3) the term “State” includes the District of
25 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
26 Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the

1 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and American
2 Indian Tribes.

3 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

4 SEC. 8. There are authorized to be appropriated with-
5 out fiscal year limitations such sums as may be necessary
6 to carry out this joint resolution. Such sums shall remain
7 available for obligation until expended.

8 PRESIDENT TO CALL CONFERENCE IN 1989

9 SECTION 1. *The President is authorized to call and*
10 *conduct a White House Conference on Library and Infor-*
11 *mation Services to be held not earlier than September 1,*
12 *1989, and not later than September 30, 1991.*

13 ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFERENCE

14 SEC. 2. (a) *PURPOSE.—The purpose of the White*
15 *House Conference on Library and Information Services*
16 *shall be to develop recommendations for the further im-*
17 *provement of the library and information services of the*
18 *Nation and their use by the public, in accordance with the*
19 *findings set forth in the preamble to this joint resolution.*

20 (b) *COMPOSITION.—The Conference shall be composed*
21 *of—*

22 (1) *representatives of professional library and*
23 *information personnel and individuals who support*
24 *or furnish volunteer services to libraries and infor-*
25 *mation services centers, from all age groups and*
26 *walks of life, and members of the general public;*

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1 *tory of the Pacific Islands, and American Indian*
2 *Tribes.*

3 *AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS; LIMITATIONS*

4 *SEC. 8. (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be*
5 *appropriated without fiscal year limitations \$5,000,000 to*
6 *carry out this joint resolution. Such sums shall remain*
7 *available for obligation until expended.*

8 *(b) LIMITATION.—Of the funds appropriated under the*
9 *Library Services and Construction Act, only the funds ap-*
10 *propriated for title III of that Act may be used to carry out*
11 *the activities authorized by this resolution.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A joint resolution to authorize and request the President to call and conduct a White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held not earlier than September 1, 1989, and not later than September 30, 1991, and for other purposes.”.