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HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE ON WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

HOUSE STAFF OFFER:

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1. The House and the Senate differ in the State participation language. Both bills allow delegates and alternate delegates to the national meeting to participate in state or territorial meetings. However, the Senate adds an additional provision that makes it clear that no State is required to participate in a State or regional conference.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

2. The House authorizes "such sums as may be necessary"; the Senate authorizes \$5 million.

RECOMMENDATION: Senate recede to House with an amendment to authorize \$6 million.

Senate accepts House offer.

3. The Senate adds a restriction that limits a State's use of its Library Services Construction Act funds. Only funds appropriated for Title III (interlibrary cooperation) may be used for activities related to the White House Conference.

RECOMMENDATION: Senate recede to House.

Senate accepts House offer with Statement of Managers language as follows: In allowing state library agencies to use Title I Library Services and Construction Act funds for purposes related to the proposed White House Conference on libraries and information services, and resulting state conferences, it is not the Committee's intent that services to those individuals targeted with LSCA funds to be diminished. Title I provides vital access to libraries and information services to traditionally underserved populations around the nation. Those services remain the primary purpose for receipt of state grants under Title I. White House Conference activities held in each state should not result in the reduction of public library services.

4. The Senate adds a provision to authorize \$7.5 million for a grant to the Washington Library Consortium.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

5. The Senate adds an authorization of \$1 million for a grant to the Vermont Higher Education Council.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

6. The Senate adds a provision that authorizes a \$4.5 million grant to Vorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

7. The Senate includes language that would authorize \$2.2 million for the University of Mississippi Law School.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

8. The Senate adds language that would increase the authorization of the Constitutional Bicentennial Education program by \$3 million, up to 8 million.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

9. The Senate adds an amendment to the HEA to increase the number of institutions participating in the Income Contingent Loan Demonstration Program by up to 10 additional institutions, and these additional institutions may include consortia arrangements of institutions with the same state.

RECOMMENDATION: Senate recede to House.

Senate accepts House offer.

10. The Senate adds an amendment to the Income Contingent Loan Demonstration Program that would allow institutions to pay the in-school interest on the loan out of the institution's share of these ICL funds.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

11. The Senate adds an amendment to the Income Contingent Loan Demonstration Program that would allow graduate and professional students to borrow under this demonstration program and allows an annual loan maximum of \$10,000 for such

students and a cumulative maximum of \$44,500 for such students.

RECOMMENDATION: Senate recede to House.

Senate counter offer: House recede to Senate.

12. The Senate adds an amendment to the ICL Demonstration to allow only fixed interest rates, and this amendment also reduces the interest rate from that in current law (average interest rate for 91 day Treasury bills auctioned during the 3-month period ending September 30 of the preceding year, plus 3%) to the same T-bill rate plus 0.5 percent.

RECOMMENDATION: Senate recede to House.

Senate counter offer: House recede to Senate.

13. The Senate includes an amendment requiring guaranty agencies to provide eligible institutions with certain information. The House has already agreed to this provision.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate recedes - already done in previous legislation.

14. The Senate includes an amendment clarifying the GSL eligibility of students (who already have a bachelor's degree) who are seeking a teaching credential.

RECOMMENDATION: House recede to Senate.

Senate accepts House offer.

15. The Senate adds a number of amendments to the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986. The House includes amendments to this Act in H.R. 5.

RECOMMENDATION: Senate and House reached agreement on this language in the context of the H.R. 5 conference, therefore these amendments shall be dropped.

Senate recedes - already done in previous legislation.

NEW HOUSE AMENDMENTS:

16. The House adds an amendment to forgive the remaining debt obligation on the Tip O'Neil Library (\$12 million forgiven).

Senate recedes to House.

17. The House will add a technical amendment to the authorization of funds for the Washington Library Consortium. (This amendment will exempt the Consortium from Sections 701(b), 721(a)(2), 721(b) and 721(c) of the Higher Education Act.)

Senate recesses to House.

ADDITIONAL SENATE AMENDMENTS:

18. The Senate will add an amendment clarifying eligibility for Title III assistance by prohibiting institutions eligible for Part B funds from receiving Part A funds. The amendment also permits Part B funds to be used for all purposes for which Part A funds currently may be used.
19. The Senate will add an amendment clarifying that a previously eligible Southern University, Shreveport branch campus shall continue to be eligible for Title III, Part B funding.
20. The Senate adds an amendment clarifying that the 2 year GSL deferment for medical residents is to apply to all current residents, and not just for loans taken out after July 1, 1987.
21. The Senate adds an amendment requiring multiple disbursement for SLS and PLUS loans.
22. The Senate adds a provision requiring Pell eligibility to be determined prior to the awarding of SLS and PLUS loans.
23. The Senate adds a provision restoring Pell grant, SEOG and CWS eligibility to residents of Micronesia and Palau.
24. The Senate adds a provision restoring Title IV eligibility to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands.
25. The Senate adds a provision making technical and conforming changes to P.L. 100-297 including clarifying the effective date of Impact Aid as October 1, 1988, clarifying the renaming of the GSL Program, correcting a technical reference in Chapter 2, restoring math/science teacher awards to NSF, and a conforming amendment regarding the numbering of Title X of ESEA.