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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Committee Staff
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RE: LSCA Floor Action

October 4, 1989

As you know, floor action on the LSCA reauthorization legislation (S. 1291) has been held up by Senator Helms who has had two concerns. One regards access to space in libraries for public meetings and the other is a clarification of language in section 8 on child-care outreach.

The attached anti-discrimination provision has been drafted which would add language to the statute stating that libraries "shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, gender, national origin, or handicapping condition in providing space for public meetings..." This is boiler-plate language that many such laws contain.

The other amendment pertains to the language on child-care outreach that was added to S. 1291 at the request of Senator Boschwitz. The proposed Helms/Boschwitz amendment to this section addresses the fact that some states do not license or certify all child-care centers. They might be registered in some other more informal manner. The new language simply clarifies that such centers would still be eligible to benefit from the mobile library services.

We will be calling you later today to get your sign-off on these 2 points. Senator Helms has indicated that he will remove his hold on the LSCA bill if these amendments are added with his name on them.