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August 11, 1987

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Chairman  
Committee on Labor and Human Resources  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the attached cost estimate for S.J. Res. 26, the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, as ordered reported from the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on August 5, 1987.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Edward M. Gramlich  
Acting Director

cc: Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Ranking Minority Member
1. BILL NUMBER: S.J. Res. 26

2. BILL TITLE:

White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

3. BILL STATUS:

As ordered reported from the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, August 5, 1987.

4. BILL PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize 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. Funds for the Conference are subject to subsequent appropriations action.

5. ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

(by fiscal years, in millions of dollars)

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The costs of this bill fall in Function 500.

Basis of Estimate

S. J. Res. 26 authorizes a total of $5 million to fund a White House Conference on Library and Information Services. The bill allows for the conference to be held anytime over a three year period. This estimate assumes that the funding would be given in fiscal year 1988 and that the conference would take place during fiscal year 1990, similar to the funding cycle of the 1979 White House Conference on Library and Information Services which was funded in 1977. Estimated total outlays reflect the actual spending pattern of the earlier conference.

6. ESTIMATED COST TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
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The Congressional Budget Office has determined that the budgets of state and local governments would not be affected directly by enactment of this bill.

7. ESTIMATE COMPARISON: None.

8. PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE:

On May 13, 1987 CBO prepared a cost estimate of H. J. Res. 90, the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, as ordered reported from the House Education and Labor Committee. The House bill authorized such sums as may be necessary to fund the conference. Based on the cost of the 1979 conference adjusted for inflation, the conference was estimated to cost $6 million.

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