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In the Senate of the United States,

Resolved, That the joint resolution from the House of Representatives (H.J. Res. 90) entitled "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", do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert:

1 TITLE I—WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON
2 LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES
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PRESIDENT TO CALL CONFERENCE IN 1989
4 SEC. 101. The President is authorized 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.
5 ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFERENCE
6 SEC. 102. (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services shall be to develop recommendations for the further improvement of the library and information services of the Nation
and their use by the public, in accordance with the findings set forth in the preamble to this joint resolution.

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

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

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

(3) representatives of educational institutions, agencies, organizations, and associations (including professional and scholarly associations for the advancement of education and research);

(4) individuals with special knowledge of, and special competence in, technology as it may be used for the improvement of library and information services; and

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

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS.—In carrying out subsection (a)—
(1) one-fourth of the participants shall be selected from the library and information profession,

(2) one-fourth of the participants shall be selected from among individuals who are currently active library and information supporters, including trustees and friends groups,

(3) one-fourth shall be selected from among individuals who are Federal, State, or local government officials, and

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

(d) State Participation Optional.—(1) State and territorial delegates and alternates to the national conference may participate in a respective State or territorial conference.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require any State to participate in a State or territorial conference.

Administrative Provisions

Sec. 103. (a) Direction by Commission.—The Conference shall be planned and conducted under the direction of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

(b) Commission Functions.—In carrying out this joint resolution, the Commission shall—
(1) when appropriate, request the cooperation and assistance of other Federal departments and agencies in order to carry out its responsibilities;

(2) make technical and financial assistance (by grant, contract, or otherwise) available to the States to enable them to organize and conduct conferences and other meetings in order to prepare for the Conference;

(3) prepare and make available background materials for the use of delegates to the Conference and associated State conferences, and prepare and distribute such reports of the Conference and associated State conferences as may be appropriate; and

(4) conduct fiscal oversight activities with respect to the preparation for and the convening of the Conference including contracting for the services of an audit firm.

(c) Federal Agency Cooperation and Assistance.—(1) Each Federal department and agency, including the national libraries, shall cooperate with, and provide assistance to the Commission upon its request under clause (1) of subsection (b). For that purpose, each Federal department and agency is authorized and encouraged to provide personnel to the Commission.

(2) The Librarian of Congress, the Director of the National Library of Medicine, and the Director of the National
Agricultural Library are authorized to detail personnel to the
Commission, upon request, to enable the Commission to
carry out its functions under this joint resolution.
(d) PERSONNEL.—In carrying out the provisions of
this joint resolution, the Commission is authorized to engage
such personnel as may be necessary to assist the Commission
and the Advisory Committee, without regard for the provi-
sions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments
in the competitive service, and without regard to chapter 51,
and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to
classification and General Schedule pay rates.
(e) EXPENSES.—Members of the Conference may,
while away from their homes or regular places of business
and attending the Conference, be allowed travel expenses, in-
cluding per diem in lieu of subsistence, as may be allowed
under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons
serving without pay. Such expenses may be paid by way of
advances, reimbursement, or in installments as the Commis-
sion may determine.

REPORTS

SEC. 104. (a) SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT; TRANS-
MITTAL TO CONGRESS.—A final report of the Conference,
containing such findings and recommendations as may be
made by the Conference, shall be submitted to the President
not later than 120 days following the close of the Conference.
The final report shall be made public and, within 90 days
after its receipt by the President, transmitted to the Congress together with a statement of the President containing the recommendations of the President with respect to such report.

(b) PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION.—The Commission is authorized to publish and distribute for the Conference the reports authorized under this joint resolution. Copies of all such reports shall be provided to the depository libraries.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEC. 105. (a) COMPOSITION.—There is established an advisory committee of the Conference composed of—

(1) eight individuals designated by the Chairman of the Commission;

(2) five individuals designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with not more than three being Members of the House of Representatives;

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

(4) ten individuals appointed by the President;

(5) the Secretary of Education; and

(6) the Librarian of Congress.

The President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Commission shall, after consultation, assure that mem-
bers of the Advisory Committee are broadly representative of all areas of the United States.

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

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—(1) The Chairman of the Commission shall serve as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall elect the Chair of the Advisory Committee from among its members, who are not full-time Federal employees. The Advisory Committee shall select the Chair of the Conference.

(2) The Chairman of the Advisory Committee is authorized to establish, prescribe functions for, and appoint members to, such advisory and technical committees and staff as may be necessary to assist and advise the Conference in carrying out its functions.

(d) COMPENSATION.—Members of any committee established under this section who are not regular full-time officers or employees of the United States shall, while attending to the business of the Conference, be entitled to receive compensation therefor at a rate fixed by the President but not exceeding the rate of pay specified at the time of such service for grade GS-18 in section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, including travelt ime. Such members, may, while away from their homes or regular places of business, be allowed
travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as
may be authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United
States Code, for persons in the Government service employed
intermittently.

GIFTS AND TITLE TO CERTAIN PROPERTY

SEC. 106. (a) GIFTS.—The Commission shall have au-

thority to accept, on behalf of the Conference, in the name of
the United States, grants, gifts, or bequests of money for im-
mediate disbursement by the Commission in furtherance of
the Conference. Such grants, gifts, or bequests offered the
Commission, shall be paid by the donor or his representative
into the Treasury of the United States, whose receipts shall
enter such grants, gifts, and bequests in a special account to
the credit of the Commission for the purposes of this
joint resolution.

(b) REVERSION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND MATE-
rial.—Materials and equipment acquired by the White
House Conference shall revert to the National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science after the close of the
White House Conference.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 107. For the purpose of this joint resolution—

(1) the term "Commission" means the National
Commission on Libraries and Information Science;

(2) The term "Conference" means White House
Conference on Library and Information Services; and
(3) the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and American Indian Tribes.

AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS; LIMITATIONS

SEC. 108. (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitations $5,000,000 to carry out this joint resolution. Such sums shall remain available for obligation until expended.

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

TITLE II—CONSTITUTIONAL BICENTENNIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

TEACHER TRAINING AMENDMENT

SEC. 201. Section 501(c)(1) of the Arts, Humanities, and Museums Amendments of 1985 is amended—

(1) by striking out "$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1987 and 1988," and inserting in lieu thereof "$8,000,000 for each of the fiscal years"; and

(2) by inserting before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "of which at least $3,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be reserved for elementary and secondary teacher training and retrain-
ing programs in history, geography, and other related
disciplines in the social sciences and humanities de-
dsigned to enhance understanding of the Constitution.

TITLE III—HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

INCOME CONTINGENT DIRECT LOAN DEMONSTRATION

PROJECT

SEC. 301. (a) NEW AGREEMENTS AND CONSORTIA.—

Section 452(c)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is
amended—

(1) by inserting "(A)" after the paragraph designa-
tion; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new
paragraph:

"(B) The Secretary may, in any fiscal year beginning
after September 30, 1988, in which the appropriation to
carry out the provisions of this part exceeds $5,000,000,
enter into agreements with an additional 10 institutions of
higher education. Any agreement entered into under this sub-
paragraph may include consortia of such institutions if the
participating institutions of higher education are located in
the same State."

(b) INSTITUTIONAL PAYMENT OF IN-SCHOOL INTER-

EST.—Section 453(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
is amended—
(1) by striking out "and" at the end of subparagraph (B);

(2) by adding "and" at the end of subparagraph (C); and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:

"(D) at the option of the institution, payment, from the institution's capital contribution described in paragraph (3), to cover the interest that accrues on loans made by such institution to students, during the period such students are attending the institution on at least a half-time basis;".

(c) GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.—(1) Section 454(a)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended by striking out "$17,500" and inserting in lieu thereof "$17,500 in the case of an undergraduate student (as defined in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary), and $44,500 in the case of a graduate or professional student (as defined in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary and including any loans from such funds made to such student before the student became a graduate or professional student)".

(2) Section 454(a)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended—
(A) by striking out “and” at the end of subparagraph (B); 

(B) by striking out the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and “and”; and 

(C) by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph: 

“(D) $10,000 in the case of a graduate or professional student, as defined in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary.”.

(d) INTEREST RATE.—(1) Section 454(a)(4)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended to read as follows: 

“(A) The interest rate on loans under this part shall be computed in accordance with subparagraph (B), based on the interest rate computed for the calendar year in which the loan was made, and fixed over the life of the loan.”.

(2) Section 454(a)(4)(B)(ii) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended by striking out “3 percent” and inserting in lieu thereof “one-half of 1 percent”.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall be effective for loans made to cover periods of instruction beginning on or after July 1, 1988.

INFORMATION ON DEFAULTS REQUIRED

SEC. 302. (a) GENERAL RULE.—The first sentence of section 428(k)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended—
(1) by striking out “In” and inserting in lieu thereof “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in”; and

(2) by striking out “may” and inserting in lieu thereof “shall”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The second sentence of section 428(k)(1) of such Act is amended by striking out “may” and inserting in lieu thereof “shall”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY FOR GSL PROGRAM

SEC. 303. Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking out “subsection (b)(2)” and inserting in lieu thereof “subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3)”; and

(2) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following new paragraph:

“(3) A student who—

“(A) is carrying at least one-half the normal full-time work load for the course of study the student is pursuing, as determined by the institution, and

“(B) is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program at an eligible institution leading to a professional credential or certification from a State that is required for employment as a teacher in an elementary or secondary school in that State,
shall be, notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subsection (a), eligible to apply for loans under part B of this title.".

TITLE IV—LIBRARY AND EDUCATION

RESOURCE AUTHORIZATIONS

WASHINGTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

SEC. 401. (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Education is authorized to provide financial assistance, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to the Washington Library Consortium for the purpose of constructing and equipping a facility in Prince George's County, Maryland, that would link by computer eight university libraries (located at American University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Catholic University, George Mason University, Gallaudet University, Marymount University, and the University of the District of Columbia) and provide central storage for the rare books of the participating institutions of higher education.

(b) APPLICATION.—No financial assistance may be made under this section unless an application is submitted to the Secretary of Education at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated $7,500,000 to carry out the
provisions of this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

SEC. 402. (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Education is authorized to provide financial assistance, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to the Vermont Higher Education Council located in Hyde Park, Vermont, for development activities for faculty at institutions of higher education which are members of the Vermont Higher Education Council designed to address and overcome professional isolation experienced by such faculty members.

(b) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—No financial assistance may be made under this section unless an application is submitted to the Secretary of Education at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated $1,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER AUTHORIZED

SEC. 403. (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Education is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to provide financial assistance to Voorhees College, located in Denmark, South Carolina, to pay the cost
of construction and related costs for a Health and Human Resources Center at Voorhees College.

(b) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—No financial assistance may be made under this section unless an application is made at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information, as the Secretary may reasonably require.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed $4,500,000, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 404. (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Education is authorized to provide financial assistance, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to the University of Mississippi Law School for the renovation and completion of the library facilities of the University of Mississippi Law School at Oxford, Mississippi.

(b) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—No financial assistance may be made under this section unless an application is submitted to the Archivist at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information as the Archivist may reasonably require.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated $2,200,000 to carry out the
provisions of this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to
this section shall remain available until expended.

TITLE V—DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS REAUTHORIZATION

SEC. 501. Section 4111(a) of the Drug-Free Schools
and Communities Act of 1987 (hereafter in this title referred
to as the "Act") is amended by inserting before the period a
comma and the following: "and such sums as may be neces-
sary for the fiscal year 1990 and each of the fiscal years
ending prior to October 1, 1993".

STATE PROGRAM—LOCAL ALLOTMENTS

SEC. 502. The second sentence of section 4124(a) of the
Act is amended by striking out "the relative numbers of chil-
dren in the school-aged population within such areas" and
inserting in lieu thereof "the relative enrollments in public
and private, nonprofit schools within the areas served by such
agencies".

STATE PROGRAM—PARTICIPATION OF TEACHERS IN
PRIVATE NONPROFIT SCHOOLS

SEC. 503. Section 4143(b) of the Act is amended by
striking out "State, State educational agency, or State
agency for higher education" and inserting in lieu thereof
"State, agency, or consortium".

STATE PROGRAM—LOCAL APPLICATIONS

SEC. 504. (a) Section 4126(a)(2) of the Act is amended—
(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (J) as subparagraphs (G) through (M), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraphs:

"(D) describe the extent and nature of the current illegal drug and alcohol problem in each school of the applicant, including detailed information that shows—

"(i) the number or percentage of students who use drugs or alcohol;

"(ii) the grade level of those students;

"(iii) the types of drugs they use; and

"(iv) how the applicant obtained this information;

"(E) describe the applicant's drug and alcohol policy, including an explanation of—

"(i) the disciplinary practices and procedures it will strictly enforce to eliminate the sale or use of drugs and alcohol on school premises; and

"(ii) how it will convey to students the message that drug use is not permissible;

"(F) describe how the applicant will monitor the effectiveness of its program;".
(b) Section 4126 of the Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b)(1) In order to receive funds under this Act for the third year of its plan, an applicant shall submit to the State educational agency a progress report on the first two fiscal years of its plan. The progress report shall describe in detail—

"(A) the applicant’s significant accomplishments under the plan during the preceding two years; and

"(B) the extent to which the original objectives of the plan are being achieved, including the extent to which there has been a reduction in the number of students who use drugs and alcohol.

"(2) The State educational agency shall not award funds under this Act to an applicant for the third year of its plan unless the State educational agency determines that the applicant’s progress report shows that it is making reasonable progress toward accomplishing the objectives of its plan and the purposes of this Act. If the State educational agency determines that reasonable progress is not being made, the State educational agency shall instruct the applicant in writing to modify its plan so as to provide reasonable assurance of such progress. If after 90 days the applicant has not submitted to the State educational agency a modified plan which provides such assurance, the State educational agency may
reallocate the applicant’s funds to other applicants on the
basis of need.”.

STATE PROGRAM—REPORTS

Sec. 505. Part 2 of the Act is amended by adding at
the end thereof the following new section:

“STATE REPORTS

“Sec. 4127. Each State shall submit to the Secretary
an annual report, at such time and in such form as the Sec-
etary may prescribe, that contains information on the State
or local programs the State conducts under this subtitle,
including—

“(1) data on the number and characteristics of
program recipients and the persons who participated in
their programs; and

“(2) an assessment of the degree to which those
programs accomplished their goals, including their
impact upon drug and alcohol use by students.”.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS—GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Sec. 506. (a) The third sentence of section 4132(b) of
the Act is amended by inserting “directly, or through grants,
cooperative agreements, or contracts” immediately after
“shall”.

(b) Section 4134(a) of the Act is amended by striking
out “enter into” and inserting in lieu thereof “make grants to
or enter into cooperative agreements or”.
(c) Section 4135 of the Act is amended by inserting a comma and "through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts," immediately after "Secretary".

EVALUATION

SEC. 507. Section 4132(d) of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "In addition, the Secretary may conduct periodic evaluations of programs authorized by this Act."

EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 508. (a) The provisions of this title shall take effect October 27, 1986.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a State educational agency may allot fiscal year 1987 funds to local and intermediate educational agencies and consortia under section 4124(a) of the Act on the basis of their relative numbers of children in the school-aged population.

Amend the title so as to read: "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."

Attest:

Secretary.