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Changes incorporated in Pell bill <u>S.1429</u> to extend Museum Services Act	Recommended by	Comments
Extends Act for <u>TWO</u> years	Senator Pell	Two years will allow time to re-view all federal musuem programs as well as the question of IMS location.
Permits IMS to hire up to <u>one-fifth</u> of full-time staff as excepted personnel	IMS	This will allow IMS to hire experts in special fields when they are needed without going through Depart ment channels. There is no cate-gory on the federal register for "museum personnel". Both NEA and NEH have limited staff who are excepted personnel.
<p>Permits IMS to fund museum service or-ganizations with the following restric-tions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all contracts and cooperative agreements will be limited to one year periods. - funding will not be allowed for operational expenses (like the regular grants to museums) - support limited to 5% of total appropriation per year 	IMS, AAM and heavy pressure from the museum field	<p>Funding of museum service organiza-tions was vigorously pushed in the hear-ings. I am for it with the re-strictions we have added. The bill defines a professional museum orga-nization as "a non-profit profes-sional museum-related organization, institution or association which engages in activities designed to advance the well-being of museums and the museum profession."</p> <p>(Smithsonian is very concerned about Lee's reach. Ripley personal-ly it does not want IMS to have this authority but he is unwilling to expand this type of support thru the Smithsonian, i.e. National Musuem Act. Peter Powers and Paul Perrot are neutral on the issue.)</p>
Allows IMS to establish own grant review procedures	IMS	Gives IMS flexibility to establish own review procedures independent of Department of Education. George Seybolt spoke to you about this. The cost of doing this may be pro-hibitive, however.