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MEMORANDUM

TO:       Education Staff
FROM:     Becky
DATE:     September 19, 1989
SUBJECT:  LSCA Conference

Listed below are the items of disagreement between the House and Senate LSCA bills.

1. House added "international" to network to permit funds to be used to fund international networks. (Martinez amendment)

2. House included a new authorization for Title VIII of $12 million. (Owens amendment) There is a hold harmless to fully fund Title I at the FY 1989 appropriation before funds go the new title. If we have to accept this amendment, I suggest using our hold harmless of full funding.

3. House and Senate differ on language on maintenance of effort. It's extremely technical. I am checking with the Department on this one.

4. House added an amendment to restrict OERI from contracting out on the Education Research Library and require a study of this current practice. (Owens amendment, Coleman supported) The Administration opposes this.

5. House included a provision to permit drug abuse prevention as an allowable activity under Title I. (Lowey amendment)

6. House included language to raise the grant amount under Title V to $50,000 from the current $15,000. (Lowey amendment) As you know, the Senate accepted the Simon amendment which waives the maximum grant award for only 30% of the grants.

7. House included a new Title VIII for Family Learning Centers. (Owens Amendment) This breaks the agreement we had with the House on no new titles.

8. The House accepted language to permit school libraries to be reimbursed for holding summer activities under Title III of LSCA. (Gunderson amendment)

Please let me know if you would like a copy of the House report, cordon print, or information on the Administration's position on these.