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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.

Whereas access to information and ideas is indispensable to the development of human potential, the advancement of civilization, and the continuance of enlightened self-government;

Whereas the preservation and the dissemination of information and ideas are the primary purpose and function of the library and information services;

Whereas the economic vitality of the United States in a global economy and the productivity of the work force of the Nation rest on access to information in the postindustrial information age;

Whereas the White House Conference on Library and Information Services of 1979 began a process in which a broadly representative group of citizens made recommendations that have improved the library and information services of the Nation, and sparked the Nation’s interest in the crucial role of library and information services at home and abroad;

Whereas library and information service is essential to a learning society;

Whereas social, demographic, and economic shifts of the past decade have intensified the rate of change and require that Americans of all age groups develop and sustain literacy and other lifelong learning habits;

Whereas expanding technological developments offer unprecedented opportunities for application to teaching and learning and to new means to provide access to library and information services;

1 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.

Amend the title so as to read: “A 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.”.
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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.

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House Conference shall revert to the National Conference on
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White House Conference.

DEFINITIONS

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Commission on Libraries and Information Science;
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Conference on Library and Information Services; and
(3) the term “State” includes the District of Co-
lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam,
American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Terri-
tery of the Pacific Islands, and American Indian
Tribes.

AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS; LIMITATIONS

SEC. 8. (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
appropriated without fiscal year limitations $5,000,000 to

Whereas the growth and augmentation of the Nation's library
and information services are essential if all Americans, without
regard to race, ethnic background, or geographic location are to have reasonable access to adequate information
and lifelong learning;

Whereas the future of our society depends on developing the
learning potential inherent in all children and youth, especially literary, reading, research, and retrieval skills;

Whereas rapidly developing technology offer a potential for ena-
bling libraries and information services to serve the public
more fully; and

Whereas emerging satellite communication networks and other
technologies offer unparalleled opportunity for access to
education opportunities to all parts of the world, and to indi-
viduals who are homebound, handicapped, or incarcerated:
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
do the United States of America in Congress assembled,

PRESIDENT TO CALL CONFERENCE IN 1989

SECTION 1. The President is authorized to call a White
House Conference on Library and Information Services to be
held not later than 1989.

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFERENCE

SEC. 2. (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the White
House Conference on Library and Information Services shall
be to develop recommendations for the further improve-
ment 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 in-
formation 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 advance-
ment of education and research);

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

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

(e) DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS.—In carrying out
subsection (a)—
of all such reports shall be provided to the depository libraries.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 5. (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 members 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.
(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.

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, including 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 Commission may determine.

REPORTS

Sec. 4. (a) Submission to President; Transmittal 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
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(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. 3. (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—

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(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 traveltime. 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
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