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United States
National Commission on
Libraries and Information Science

1 May 1991

The Honorable J. Danforth Quayle
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

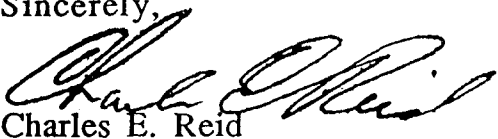
Enclosed for consideration of the Congress is the "National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Act Amendments of 1991," a legislative proposal to amend the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Act to improve the Commission's operation and effectiveness. The Commission considers enactment of this proposal especially important for it to be able to carry out most effectively its responsibilities to assess the results and lead in the implementation of the recommendations from the White House Conference on Library and Information Services scheduled for July 9-13, 1991.

This legislative proposal would make some small, but important improvements to the Commission's authorizing statute. The bill would permit the Commission to obtain administrative support services from any Federal agency, not just the Department of Education, and to receive in-kind as well as monetary contributions. It would clarify terms of office and voting status as Commissioners change office. It would make clear that the Commission can be involved in international library and information activities. Finally, it would remove the twenty-year-old ceiling on the Commission's authorization of appropriations, ~~and would place the Commission on a five-year authorization cycle.~~

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this legislation to the Congress and that its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

An identical letter is being sent to the Speaker of the House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Reid".

Charles E. Reid
Chairman

Enclosures

M E M O R A N D U M

July 29, 1991

TO: Art Cameron, Democratic Policy
FROM: Sandy Crary, Education Subcommittee, 47666
RE: Technical Amendments for National Commission on
Libraries

We would much appreciate it if these amendments could go through on the UC calendar as soon as the rules permit.

The Budget Committee has cleared them and all the four leaders on Labor and Human Resources and the Education Subcommittee have signed off on them.

If there is some way to expedite sending these to the House it would be much appreciated.

Terry Hartle (Kennedy staff, 45501) is the full committee contact.

Thanks.

S. 1593 passed 7/30/91

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1991

Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 2. Section 2 of the bill would delete section 3 (b) of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Act (20 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.; "the Act") to give the Commission the option of using the Department of Education and/or another agency or organization for management support services. This revision allows the potential for future expenditure efficiencies and cost savings.

Section 3. Section 3 of the bill would amend section 4 of the Act to allow the Commission to receive in-kind as well as monetary contributions. The new language is the same as that used in the Department of Education's statute and allows the Commission to develop more productive and effective organizational relationships within the conditions stipulated in other applicable Federal statutes.

Section 4. Section 4 of the bill would amend section 5.(a)(6) of the Act to clarify that the Commission has the authority and responsibility to promote research and development activities that are international in scope or effect. This change reflects the increasingly global nature of information-related issues and concerns.

Section 5. Section 5 of the bill would amend section 6(a) of the Act to (1) establish a quorum as a majority of seated members; (2) delete an obsolete provision regarding terms of office beginning on July 20, 1970; (3) authorize a member of the Commission to continue to serve on the Commission until that member's successor is appointed by the President or until July 19 of the year following the year in which the member's term expires, whichever occurs first. These changes reduce the inconsistencies in Commission membership and constitution over periods of pending appointment, reappointment, and confirmation.

Section 6. Section 6 of the bill would amend section 7 of the Act to authorize annual appropriations for the Commission of \$911,000 for FY 1992, and such sums as may be necessary for each ~~of~~ ~~the four~~ ~~succeeding~~ ~~fiscal~~ ~~years.~~ *fiscal year thereafter to carry out the* ~~This change would put the~~ ~~Commission's program on a comparable basis to other education-~~ ~~related programs.~~

~~to carry~~
provisions of this Act.

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Art Room 118
Cameron.