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Mr. PELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ________________________________

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A BILL

To extend and amend the Library Services and Construction Act, and for other purposes.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assem-
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5 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.
6 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Li-
7 brary Services and Construction Act Amendments of
8 1989”.
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10 (b) REFERENCES.—References in this Act to “the
11 Act” are references to the Library Services and Construc-
12 tion Act (20 U.S.C. 351 et seq.).
SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

Section 3 of the Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “and initial equipment” and inserting “and for the purchase, lease, and installation of equipment”;

(B) by striking “to conserve energy” and inserting “to ensure safe working environments and to conserve energy”; and

(C) by striking “includes machinery” and inserting “includes information and building technologies, video and telecommunications equipment, machinery”; and

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

“(17) The term ‘handicapped individual’ means an individual who is physically or mentally impaired, visually impaired, or hearing impaired.

“(18) The term ‘network’ means any local, statewide, regional, or interstate cooperative association of library entities which provide for the systematic and effective coordination of the resources of school, public, academic, and special libraries and information centers for improved supplementary services for the clientele served by each type of library entity.
1 SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
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3 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 4(a) of the Act is amended
4 to read as follows:
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6 "Sec. 4. (a) There are authorized to be appropri-
7 ated—
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9 "(1) for the purpose of making grants as pro-
10 vided in title I, $100,000,000 for fiscal year 1990
11 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4
12 succeeding fiscal years;
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14 "(2) for the purpose of making grants as pro-
15 vided in title II, $55,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and
16 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4
17 succeeding fiscal years;
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19 "(3) for the purpose of making grants as pro-
20 vided in title III, $35,000,000 for fiscal year 1990
21 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4
22 succeeding fiscal years;
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24 "(4) for the purpose of making grants as pro-
25 vided in title V, $1,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and
26 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4
27 succeeding fiscal years; and
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29 (5) for the purpose of making grants as provid-
30 ed in title VI, $10,000,000 for fiscal year 1990 and
31 such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4
32 succeeding fiscal years.
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34 "(6) for the purpose of activities as provided in Title VII, $500,000 for fiscal year 1990, and
35 such sums as may be necessary for each of the four
36 succeeding fiscal years."
1 There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under title IV for each of the fiscal years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994, 1.5 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) for each such fiscal year. There shall be available for the purpose of making grants under section 5(d) for such fiscal years 0.5 percent of the amount appropriated pursuant to each of such clauses for each such fiscal year.”.

(b) CARRYOVER OF FUNDS.—Section 4(b) of the Act is amended by striking “and for the next succeeding fiscal year” and inserting “and is authorized to remain available until expended”.

SEC. 4. ALLOCATIONS.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 5(c) of the Act is amended to read as follows:

“(c)(1) From one-half of the sums available pursuant to the second sentence of section 4(a) for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall allot an equal amount to each Indian tribe that submits an approved application under section 403.

“(2) From the remaining one-half of the sums available pursuant to such second sentence, the Secretary shall make allocations to Indian tribes that (A) are receiving an allocation under paragraph (1) of this subsection for such
fiscal year; and (B) have submitted approved applications under section 404.

"(3) In making allocations under paragraph (2)—

"(A) no funds shall be allocated to an Indian tribe unless such funds will be administered by a librarian; and

"(B) the Secretary shall take into account the needs of Indian tribes for such allocations to carry out the activities described in section 402(b).

"(4) In making allocations under this subsection, the Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to prevent an allocation from being received to serve the same population by any two or more of the following: an Alaskan native village, a regional corporation, or a village corporation as defined in, or established pursuant to, the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 6(g)(2) of the Act is amended by inserting after “section 5(c)(2)” the following: “in the same fiscal year in which it has received an allocation under section 5(c)(1)”.

SEC. 5. RESOURCE SHARING COORDINATION.

Section 6 of the Act is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “and construction” and inserting “, construction, and interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing”; and
(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(h) The Secretary shall coordinate programs under titles V and VI of this Act with the programs assisted by titles I, II, and III of this Act, and shall afford to the head of the State library administrative agency the opportunity to comment on any application for a grant under title V or VI of this Act prior to the awarding of the grant, in order to assure that such grants from the Secretary are for purposes consistent with the long-range program required under subsection (d) of this section."

SEC. 6. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.

Section 7 of this Act is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

"(b) In fiscal year 1990, and every fifth year thereafter, each State library agency may review its expenditures under the programs from State and local sources and file with the Secretary a statement to establish a current, revised expenditure level to be used for measuring the maintenance of effort required under subsections (a)(1)(B) and (a)(2)."
SEC. 7. INTERGENERATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES.

Section 101 of the Act is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

"(5) for assisting libraries in developing intergenerational library programs that will match older volunteers with libraries interested in developing after school literacy and reading skills programs for unsupervised school children during afterschool hours;".

SEC. 8. CHILD CARE LIBRARY OUTREACH.

Section 101 of the Act is further amended by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

"(6) for assisting libraries in providing mobile library services and programs to licensed or certified child-care providers or child-care centers;".

SEC. 9. LIBRARY LITERACY CENTERS.

Section 101 of the Act is further amended by inserting after paragraph (6) the following new paragraph:

"(7) to establish model library literacy centers, coordinated by the State library agency with other interested State agencies and nonprofit organizations to reduce the number of functionally illiterate individuals and to help them reach full employment;".

SEC. 10. USE OF TITLE I FUNDS.

Section 102(a) of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "In carrying out its program to accomplish the purposes of this title, a State may make subgrants to library systems or networks which include libraries other than public libraries, if the purpose of the grant is to improve services for public library patrons."

SEC. 11. RATABLE REDUCTIONS OF MAJOR URBAN RESOURCE LIBRARIES.

Section 102(c) of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(3) No State shall, in carrying out the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, reduce the amount paid to any major urban resource library below the amount that such library received in the year preceding the year for which the determination is made under such paragraph (2), except that such amount shall be ratably reduced to the extent that the total Federal allocations to the State under section 5 for purposes of this title are reduced or that the 1990 Census shows the population of the city has decreased."

SEC. 12. STATE ANNUAL PROGRAM.

Section 103 of the Act is amended—
(1) in paragraph (3), by striking "and institutionalized individuals";

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) by striking "(A)"; and

(B) by striking everything following "elderly" the first place it appears and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

"(5) describe the uses of funds to make library services and programs more accessible to handicapped individuals.".

SEC. 13. TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT.

(a) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(19) The term 'technology enhancement' means the acquisition, installation, maintenance, or replacement, of substantial technological equipment (including library bibliographic automation equipment) necessary to provide access to information in electronic and other formats made possible by new information and communications technologies."

(b) USE OF TITLE I FUNDS.—Section 101 of the Act is further amended—
(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (6) (as redesignated by section 7(1));
(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (7) (as redesignated by section 7(1)) and inserting “; and”;
(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:
for assisting public libraries in making effective use of technology to improve library and information services.”.
(c) USE OF TITLE II FUNDS.—Title II of the Act is amended—
(1) by inserting “AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT” after “CONSTRUCTION” in the heading of such title;
(2) by inserting “AND LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT” after “CONSTRUCTION” in the head of section 201;
(3) by inserting “and technology enhancement” after “construction” each place it appears in sections 201, 202(a), 202(b), 203(1), 203(2), and 203(3);
(4) by striking “section 3(2)” in section 202(a) and inserting “sections 3(2) and 3(19), respectively”; and
(5) by inserting "AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT" after "CONSTRUCTION" in the heading of section 203.

(d) USE OF TITLE III FUNDS.—Section 302(a) of the Act is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of clause (1);
and

(2) by inserting before the period at the end of clause (2) the following: "; and (3) developing the technological capacity of libraries for interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing".

SEC. 14. PRESERVATION OBJECTIVES IN CONSTRUCTION.

Section 203 of the Act is amended—

(1) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting "; and"; and

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

"(5) follow policies and procedures in the construction of public libraries that will promote the preservation of library and information resources to be utilized in the facilities.".

SEC. 15. RESOURCE SHARING.

Section 304(a) of the Act is amended by striking "eventual" and inserting "attaining".
SEC. 16. PRESERVATION COOPERATION.

Title III of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"PRESERVATION PROGRAMS"

"SEC. 305. (a) The long-range program and annual program of each State under this title may—

(1) include a statewide preservation cooperation plan that complies with this section; and

(2) identify the preservation objectives to be achieved during the period covered by the long-range plans required by section 6.

(b) A statewide preservation cooperation plan complies with this section if—

(1) such plan specifies the methods by which the State library agency will work with libraries, archives, historical societies, scholarly organizations, and other agencies, within or outside the State, in planning, education and training, coordinating, outreach and public information, and service programs to ensure that endangered library and information resources are preserved systematically; and

(2) such preservation plan is developed in consultation with such parties and agencies as the State archives, historical societies, libraries, scholarly organizations, and other interested parties."
(c) A State which has a statewide preservation cooperation plan that complies with this section may use funds under this title to carry out such plan.

(d) The State library agency may contract part or all of the preservation program under this section to other agencies or institutions.

Sec. 17. LIBRARY LITERACY GRANTS.

Section 601(e) of the Act is amended by striking "$25,000" and inserting "$35,000".

Sec. 18. EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

(a) Amendment. - The Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new title:

"TITLE VII - EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT
Program Authority

"Sec. 701. The Secretary is authorized to carry out a program for the purpose of evaluation and assessment (directly or by grants or contracts) of programs authorized under this Act."

(b) Conforming Amendment. - Section 5(a) of the Act is amended by striking out paragraph (5).

Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISION

Amendments made by this act shall become effective Dec 1, 1959.