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At the full committee executive session on August 5, Senator Pell intends to present the attached amendments to S.J. Res 26.

1. The dates for calling the conference are being pushed back so as to allow ample time for the Appropriations Committee to consider funding for it. This change will also give those states that wish to hold state level conferences enough time to plan for them.

2. The language concerning optional state conferences is strengthened and clarified. It is now clear that state level conferences are entirely optional.

3. An authorization level of $5 million is added in place of "such sums as may be necessary". This figure has been discussed as the maximum federal commitment for this conference. All additional funds are to be raised privately. This authorization level also reflects the federal contribution to the 1979 conference ($3.5 million) adjusted for inflation.

If you have any questions please call me at 47666.