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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

December 11, 2009

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VINOVICE, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WEBB) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission through fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2014 FOR NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION.

Section 2504(g)(1) of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (R), by striking “and”;
(2) in subparagraph (S), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end of the following:

“(T) $13,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, $13,500,000 for fiscal year 2011, $14,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, $14,500,000 for fiscal year 2013, and $15,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.”.

SEC. 2. INCREASED FLEXIBILITY FOR ARCHIVIST IN THE RECORDS CENTER REVOLVING FUND.

Subsection (d) under the heading “RECORDS CENTER REVOLVING FUND” in title IV of the Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106–58; 113 Stat. 460; 44 U.S.C. 2901 note), is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “not to exceed 4 percent” and inserting “determined by the Archivist of the United States”; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Funds in excess of the 4 percent at the close of each fiscal year” and inserting “Any unobligated and unexpended balances in the Fund that the Archivist of the United States determines to be in excess of those needed for capital equipment or a reasonable operating reserve”.

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SEC. 3. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL DATABASES FOR RECORDS OF SERVITUDE, EMANCIPATION, AND POST-CIVIL WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

Section 8 of the Presidential Historical Records Preservation Act of 2008 (44 U.S.C. 2504 note) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE AND LOCAL DATABASES FOR RECORDS OF SERVITUDE, EMANCIPATION, AND POST-CIVIL WAR RECONSTRUCTION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Archivist of the United States, after considering the advice and recommendations of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, may make grants to States, colleges and universities, museums, libraries, and genealogical associations to preserve records and establish electronically searchable databases consisting of local records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction.

“(b) MAINTENANCE.—Any database established using a grant under this section shall be maintained by appropriate agencies or institutions designated by the Archivist of the United States.”