

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6122

To revise the authority of the Librarian of Congress to accept gifts and bequests on behalf of the Library, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2012

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS TO**
4 **ACCEPT GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.**

5 (a) EXPANDING TYPES OF GIFTS THAT MAY BE AC-
6 CEPTED.—The first undesignated paragraph of section 4
7 of the Act entitled “An Act to create a Library of Con-
8 gress Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes”, ap-
9 proved March 3, 1925 (2 U.S.C. 160), is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “in the
2 name of the United States” and all that follows and
3 inserting the following: “in the name of the United
4 States and in the interest of the Library, its collec-
5 tions, or its service, gifts or bequests of money for
6 immediate disbursement, personal property valued at
7 \$25,000 or less, nonpersonal services, or voluntary
8 and uncompensated personal services.”;

9 (2) in the second sentence, by inserting “of
10 money” after “bequests”; and

11 (3) in the third sentence, by striking “enter
12 them” and inserting “enter the gift, bequest, or pro-
13 ceeds”.

14 (b) TREATMENT OF GIFTS OF SECURITIES.—The
15 first undesignated paragraph of section 4 of such Act (2
16 U.S.C. 160) is amended by inserting after the first sen-
17 tence the following new sentence: “In the case of a gift
18 of securities, the Librarian shall sell the gift and provide
19 the donor with a receipt from the proceeds of the sale.”.

20 (c) PUBLIC REPORT ON ACCEPTED GIFTS.—Section
21 4 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 160) is amended—

22 (1) in the first sentence of the first undesignated
23 paragraph, by striking “Nothing” and insert-
24 ing “(a) ACCEPTANCE AND DISBURSEMENT OF
25 GIFTS.—Nothing”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b) PUBLIC REPORT ON ACCEPTED GIFTS.—In
4 each Annual Report of the Library of Congress, the Li-
5 brarian of Congress shall include a description of each gift
6 or bequest accepted under this section during the year in-
7 volved which is valued at \$1,000 or more.”.

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