

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5227

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HARPER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Library of Congress
3 Modernization Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR**
5 **THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**
6 **TO PROVIDE PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT IN ALL**
7 **FORMATS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of the Act enti-
9 tled “An Act to provide books for the adult blind”, ap-
10 proved March 3, 1931 (2 U.S.C. 135a), is amended by
11 striking “and for purchase, maintenance, and replacement
12 of reproducers for such sound-reproduction recordings”
13 and inserting “and for purchase, maintenance, and re-
14 placement of reproducers for any such forms”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2017
17 and each succeeding fiscal year.

18 **SEC. 3. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NATIONAL COLLECTION**
19 **STEWARDSHIP FUND.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in
21 the Treasury of the United States, as an account for the
22 Librarian of Congress, the “Library of Congress National
23 Collection Stewardship Fund” (hereafter in this section
24 referred to as the “Fund”).

25 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts in the Fund may
26 be used by the Librarian as follows:

1 (1) The Librarian may use amounts directly for
2 the purpose of preparing collection materials of the
3 Library of Congress for long-term storage.

4 (2) The Librarian may transfer amounts to the
5 Architect of the Capitol for the purpose of designing,
6 constructing, altering, upgrading, and equipping col-
7 lections preservation and storage facilities for the Li-
8 brary of Congress, or for the purpose of acquiring
9 real property by lease for the preservation and stor-
10 age of Library of Congress collections in accordance
11 with section 1102 of the Legislative Branch Appro-
12 priations Act, 2009 (2 U.S.C. 1823a).

13 (c) CONTENTS OF FUND.—The Fund shall consist of
14 the following amounts:

15 (1) Such amounts as may be transferred by the
16 Librarian from amounts appropriated for any fiscal
17 year for the Library of Congress under the heading
18 “Salaries and Expenses”.

19 (2) Such amounts as may be transferred by the
20 Architect of the Capitol from amounts appropriated
21 for any fiscal year for the Office of the Architect of
22 the Capitol under the heading “Library of Congress
23 Buildings and Grounds”.

24 (3) Such amounts as may be appropriated to
25 the Fund under law.

1 (d) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any
2 amounts in the Fund shall remain available until ex-
3 pended.

4 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the end of each fiscal year, the Librarian and the Architect
6 of the Capitol shall submit a joint report on the Fund to
7 the Joint Committee on the Library and the Committees
8 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
9 Senate.

10 (f) INITIAL 5-YEAR PLAN.—Not later than 6 months
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Librarian
12 shall submit to the Joint Committee on the Library and
13 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Senate a report providing a plan for
15 expenditures from the Fund for the first 5 fiscal years
16 of the Fund's operation.

17 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
18 respect to fiscal year 2017 and each succeeding fiscal year.

19 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF RETURNING MEM-**
20 **BERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LI-**
21 **BRARY AT BEGINNING OF CONGRESS.**

22 (a) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning
24 on the first day of a Congress and ending on the
25 date described in paragraph (2), any Member of

1 Congress who served as a member of the Joint Com-
2 mittee on the Library during the previous Congress
3 shall continue to serve as a member of the Joint
4 Committee.

5 (2) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date described in
6 this paragraph is, with respect to a Congress—

7 (A) in the case of a Member of Congress
8 who is a Member of the House of Representa-
9 tives, the date on which Members of the House
10 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee
11 for the Congress; and

12 (B) in the case of a Member of Congress
13 who is a Senator, the date on which Senators
14 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee
15 for the Congress.

16 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The final un-
17 designated paragraph under the heading “Senate.”
18 in section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (chapter
19 141; 22 Stat. 592) (2 U.S.C. 133), is hereby re-
20 pealed.

21 (b) TRANSITIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP PRIOR TO FIRST
22 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.—During the period begin-
23 ning on the first day of a Congress and ending on the
24 date of the first organizational meeting of the Joint Com-

1 mittee on the Library, the Chairman of the Joint Com-
2 mittee on the Library shall be determined as follows:

3 (1) If the member who served as Chairman dur-
4 ing the previous Congress is appointed to serve on
5 the Joint Committee for such Congress, such mem-
6 ber shall serve as Chairman during such period.

7 (2) If the member who served as Chairman dur-
8 ing the previous Congress is not appointed to serve
9 on the Joint Committee for such Congress but the
10 member who served as Vice Chairman during the
11 previous Congress is appointed to serve on the Joint
12 Committee for such Congress, the member who
13 served as Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman
14 during such period.

15 (3) If neither the member who served as Chair-
16 man nor the member who served as Vice Chairman
17 during the previous Congress is appointed to serve
18 on the Joint Committee for such Congress—

19 (A) the member who is the Chairman of
20 the Committee on House Administration of the
21 House of Representatives shall serve as Chair-
22 man during such period if the Chairman during
23 the previous Congress was a Member of the
24 House of Representatives; or

1 (B) the member who is the Chairman of
2 the Committee on Rules and Administration of
3 the Senate shall serve as Chairman during such
4 period if the Chairman during the previous
5 Congress was a Senator.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
7 ment made by this section shall apply with respect to the
8 One Hundred Fifteenth Congress and each succeeding
9 Congress.

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