

Union Calendar No. 58

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1058

[Report No. 106–105]

To promote greater public participation in decennial censuses by providing for the expansion of the educational program commonly referred to as the “Census in Schools Project”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1999

Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

APRIL 26, 1999

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Census in the Schools
3 Promotion Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) The program commonly referred to as the
7 “Census in Schools Project”, under the auspices of
8 the Bureau of the Census, represents an effective
9 way to educate the Nation’s youth as to the reasons
10 why a full and complete census is so important to
11 a democratic society.

12 (2) Our schools may be the only institution that
13 maintains a continuing relationship with a broad
14 cross-section of this Nation’s families with children.

15 (3) Educating the children of this Nation as to
16 the importance of the census is an investment that
17 will promote greater levels of public participation,
18 especially in the hardest-to-count communities, not
19 only in the 2000 census, but censuses thereafter.

20 (4) The program referred to in paragraph (1),
21 while comprehensive, is one that the Bureau of the
22 Census has indicated it will not be able to implement
23 more broadly without additional funding.

24 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to promote
25 greater public participation in decennial censuses by pro-

1 viding for the expansion of the program referred to in
2 paragraph (1).

3 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM EXPANSION.**

4 The Secretary of Commerce shall take appropriate
5 measures to ensure that, under the program referred to
6 in section 2(a)(1)—

7 (1) a written invitation to participate in such
8 program shall be afforded—

9 (A) to the head of each elementary school
10 and of each secondary school;

11 (B) to each elementary school teacher; and

12 (C) to each secondary school teacher the
13 principal duties of whom involve the teaching of
14 mathematics, geography, or social studies; and

15 (2) upon timely acceptance of an invitation de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1), the individual involved
17 shall, without charge, be provided with a set of such
18 grade-appropriate teaching guides, student mate-
19 rials, or other information or materials as the Sec-
20 retary may determine.

21 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

22 The Secretary of Commerce may prescribe any regu-
23 lations necessary to carry out this Act.

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