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1ST SESSION

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To provide for an inexpensive book distribution program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 17, 1999

Mrs. MURRAY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To provide for an inexpensive book distribution program.

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. INEXPENSIVE BOOK DISTRIBUTION.**

4 Part E of title X of the Elementary and Secondary
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8131) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 **“PART E—INEXPENSIVE BOOK DISTRIBUTION** 8 **PROGRAM**

9 **“SEC. 10501. INEXPENSIVE BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM** 10 **FOR READING MOTIVATION.**

11 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized
12 to enter into a contract with First Book—

1 “(1) to pay the Federal share of the cost of dis-
2 tributing new books to disadvantaged children and
3 families primarily through tutoring, mentoring, and
4 family literacy programs; and

5 “(2) to promote the growth and strengthening
6 of First Book Local Advisory Boards with the goal
7 of leveraging the Federal book distribution efforts
8 and building upon the work of community programs
9 to enhance reading motivation for at-risk children.

10 “(b) REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACT.—Any contract
11 entered into under subsection (a) shall—

12 “(1) provide that First Book will provide tech-
13 nical support and initial resources to First Book
14 Local Advisory Boards to support efforts to provide
15 new books to those tutoring, mentoring, and family
16 literacy programs reaching disadvantaged children;

17 “(2) provide that First Book, working in co-
18 operation with the First Book Local Advisory
19 Boards, will give priority to those tutoring, men-
20 toring, and family literacy programs that serve chil-
21 dren and families with special needs, predominantly
22 those children from economically disadvantaged fam-
23 ilies and those children and families without access
24 to libraries;

1 “(3) provide that First Book will annually re-
2 port to the Secretary regarding the number of books
3 distributed, the number of Local Advisory Boards
4 created and supported, the number of community tu-
5 toring, mentoring, and family literacy programs re-
6 ceiving books for children, and the number of chil-
7 dren provided with books; and

8 “(4) include such other terms and conditions as
9 the Secretary determines to be appropriate to ensure
10 the effectiveness of the program.

11 “(c) RESTRICTION ON PAYMENTS.—The Secretary
12 shall require First Book to ensure that the discounts pro-
13 vided by publishers and distributors for the new books
14 purchased under this section is at least as favorable as
15 discounts that are customarily given by such publishers
16 or distributors for book purchases made under similar cir-
17 cumstances in the absence of Federal assistance.

18 “(d) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL SHARE.—For the
19 purpose of this section, the term ‘Federal share’ means,
20 with respect to the cost of purchasing books under this
21 section, 100 percent of the cost to First Book.

22 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—For the
23 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
24 to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year 2001

- 1 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 suc-
- 2 ceeding fiscal years.”.

