

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6122

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and  
Administration

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## AN ACT

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

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—

10 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “in the  
 11 name of the United States” and all that follows and  
 12 inserting the following: “in the name of the United  
 13 States and in the interest of the Library, its collec-  
 14 tions, or its service, gifts or bequests of money for  
 15 immediate disbursement, personal property valued at  
 16 \$25,000 or less, nonpersonal services, or voluntary  
 17 and uncompensated personal services.”;

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

20 (3) in the third sentence, by striking “enter  
 21 them” and inserting “enter the gift, bequest, or pro-  
 22 ceeds”.

23 (b) TREATMENT OF GIFTS OF SECURITIES.—The  
 24 first undesignated paragraph of section 4 of such Act (2  
 25 U.S.C. 160) is amended by inserting after the first sen-

1 tence the following new sentence: “In the case of a gift  
2 of securities, the Librarian shall sell the gift and provide  
3 the donor with a receipt from the proceeds of the sale.”.

4 (c) PUBLIC REPORT ON ACCEPTED GIFTS.—Section  
5 4 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 160) is amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence of the first undesig-  
7 nated paragraph, by striking “Nothing” and insert-  
8 ing “(a) ACCEPTANCE AND DISBURSEMENT OF  
9 GIFTS.—Nothing”; and

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives September 10,  
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*