

Union Calendar No. 624

114TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5227

[Report No. 114–706, Part I]

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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

JULY 25, 2016

Reported from the Committee on House Administration

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Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure extended for a period ending not later than September 30, 2016

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The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Library of Congress
5 Modernization Act of 2016”.

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

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

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

20 **SEC. 3. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NATIONAL COLLECTION**
21 **STEWARDSHIP FUND.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in
23 the Treasury of the United States, as an account for the
24 Librarian of Congress, the “Library of Congress National

1 Collection Stewardship Fund” (hereafter in this section
2 referred to as the “Fund”).

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

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

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

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

19 (1) Such amounts as may be transferred by the
20 Librarian from amounts appropriated for any fiscal
21 year for the Library of Congress under the heading
22 “Salaries and Expenses”.

23 (2) Such amounts as may be transferred by the
24 Architect of the Capitol from amounts appropriated
25 for any fiscal year for the Office of the Architect of

1 the Capitol under the heading “Library of Congress
2 Buildings and Grounds”.

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

5 (d) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any
6 amounts in the Fund shall remain available until ex-
7 pended.

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

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

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

1 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF RETURNING MEM-**
2 **BERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LI-**
3 **BRARY AT BEGINNING OF CONGRESS.**

4 (a) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning
6 on the first day of a Congress and ending on the
7 date described in paragraph (2), any Member of
8 Congress who served as a member of the Joint Com-
9 mittee on the Library during the previous Congress
10 shall continue to serve as a member of the Joint
11 Committee.

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

14 (A) in the case of a Member of Congress
15 who is a Member of the House of Representa-
16 tives, the date on which Members of the House
17 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee
18 for the Congress; and

19 (B) in the case of a Member of Congress
20 who is a Senator, the date on which Senators
21 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee
22 for the Congress.

23 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The final un-
24 designated paragraph under the heading “Senate.”
25 in section 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (chapter

1 141; 22 Stat. 592) (2 U.S.C. 133), is hereby re-
2 pealed.

3 (b) TRANSITIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP PRIOR TO FIRST
4 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.—During the period begin-
5 ning on the first day of a Congress and ending on the
6 date of the first organizational meeting of the Joint Com-
7 mittee on the Library, the Chairman of the Joint Com-
8 mittee on the Library shall be determined as follows:

9 (1) If the member who served as Chairman dur-
10 ing the previous Congress is appointed to serve on
11 the Joint Committee for such Congress, such mem-
12 ber shall serve as Chairman during such period.

13 (2) If the member who served as Chairman dur-
14 ing the previous Congress is not appointed to serve
15 on the Joint Committee for such Congress but the
16 member who served as Vice Chairman during the
17 previous Congress is appointed to serve on the Joint
18 Committee for such Congress, the member who
19 served as Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman
20 during such period.

21 (3) If neither the member who served as Chair-
22 man nor the member who served as Vice Chairman
23 during the previous Congress is appointed to serve
24 on the Joint Committee for such Congress—

1 (A) the member who is the Chairman of
2 the Committee on House Administration of the
3 House of Representatives shall serve as Chair-
4 man during such period if the Chairman during
5 the previous Congress was a Member of the
6 House of Representatives; or

7 (B) the member who is the Chairman of
8 the Committee on Rules and Administration of
9 the Senate shall serve as Chairman during such
10 period if the Chairman during the previous
11 Congress was a Senator.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
13 ment made by this section shall apply with respect to the
14 One Hundred Fifteenth Congress and each succeeding
15 Congress.

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