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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California) 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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

Reported from the Committee on House Administration with an amendment

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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

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Charles H.W. Meehan
5 Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR LAW LIBRARY OF LI-**
7 **BRARY OF CONGRESS.**

8 (a) FINANCIAL SUPPORT.—In addition to any other
9 amounts made available for the salaries and expenses of
10 the Library of Congress, there are authorized to be appro-
11 priated to the Librarian of Congress \$3,500,000 for ~~build-~~
12 ~~ing, maintaining, and administering~~ *maintaining and ad-*
13 *ministering* the operations of the law library of the Li-
14 brary of Congress, including the cataloguing of the collec-
15 tions of the law library. Any amounts appropriated pursu-
16 ant to the authority of this subsection shall remain avail-
17 able without fiscal year limitation until expended.

18 (b) ELECTRONIC CATALOGING OF NONPROPRIETARY
19 MATERIAL.—To the extent practicable, in using any funds
20 appropriated pursuant to the authority of subsection (a)
21 to catalog and archive nonproprietary material in the col-
22 lections of the Law Library after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the Law Librarian of Congress shall
24 catalog and archive the material electronically in a non-
25 proprietary and nondiscriminatory format. Nothing in the

1 previous sentence may be construed to affect any cata-
2 logging and archiving activities carried out with funds
3 which are not appropriated pursuant to the authority of
4 subsection (a).

5 **SEC. 3. SEPARATION OF LAW LIBRARY SALARIES AND EX-**
6 **PENSES IN PREPARATION OF ANNUAL LI-**
7 **BRARY OF CONGRESS BUDGET.**

8 (a) SEPARATE BUDGET TREATMENT OF LAW LI-
9 BRARY.—In preparing the annual budget for the Library
10 of Congress which will be submitted by the President
11 under chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code, and in
12 preparing the annual budget and related materials for the
13 Library of Congress for the use of the Committees on Ap-
14 propriations of the Senate and House of Representatives,
15 the Librarian of Congress shall ensure that all amounts
16 attributable to salaries and expenses of the law library of
17 the Library of Congress are set forth separately as a sepa-
18 rate line item from other salaries and expenses of the Li-
19 brary of Congress.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
21 respect to fiscal year 2010 and each succeeding fiscal year.

22 **SEC. 4. CHARLES H. W. MEEHAN PROGRAM TO SUPPORT**
23 **THE MISSION OF THE LAW LIBRARY OF THE**
24 **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.**

25 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian of Congress,
2 acting through the Law Librarian of Congress, shall
3 establish and operate a program to be known as the
4 “Charles H. W. Meehan Law Library Support Pro-
5 gram” (hereafter in this section referred to as the
6 “Program”), which will—

7 (A) provide enhanced or special services
8 and programs for the Law Library; and

9 (B) otherwise support the mission of the
10 Law Library.

11 (2) RELATION TO OTHER PROGRAMS.—The Li-
12 brarian shall operate the Program in a manner
13 which ensures that the resources of the Program are
14 not commingled with the resources used to carry out
15 the program operated under section 2.

16 (b) ROLE OF OTHER ENTITIES.—The Librarian may
17 carry out the Program through agreements and partner-
18 ships entered into with other government and private enti-
19 ties, including the American Association of Law Libraries
20 and the American Bar Association.

21 (c) PRIVATE SUPPORT.—

22 (1) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS.—Donations
23 of funds and in-kind contributions in support of the
24 Program may be accepted—

1 (A) by the Library of Congress Trust
2 Fund Board, as provided under the Act entitled
3 “An Act to create a Library of Congress Trust
4 Fund Board, and for other purposes”, approved
5 March 3, 1925 (2 U.S.C. 154 et seq.); and

6 (B) by the Librarian of Congress, as pro-
7 vided under section 4 of such Act (2 U.S.C.
8 160).

9 (2) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding the
10 second paragraph of section 2 of the Act entitled
11 “An Act to create a Library of Congress Trust Fund
12 Board, and for other purposes”, approved March 3,
13 1925 (2 U.S.C. 157), or the third sentence of sec-
14 tion 4 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 160), any amounts ac-
15 cepted by the Library of Congress Trust Fund
16 Board or the Librarian of Congress in support of
17 the Program shall be subject to disbursement by the
18 Librarian only upon the recommendation of the Law
19 Librarian (except to the extent otherwise provided
20 under any terms and conditions on the use of the
21 amounts which are imposed by the person making
22 the donation).

23 (3) ACCEPTANCE OF OTHER VOLUNTARY SERV-
24 ICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31,
25 United States Code, the Librarian of Congress may

1 accept voluntary and uncompensated services in sup-
2 port of the Program.

3 (d) ESTABLISHMENT OF SEPARATE ACCOUNT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
5 Treasury (among the accounts of the Library of
6 Congress) a separate account for the Program,
7 which shall consist of—

8 (A) amounts accepted by the Library of
9 Congress Trust Fund Board in support of the
10 Program as described in subsection (c)(1)(A),
11 together with any income earned on such
12 amounts;

13 (B) amounts accepted by the Librarian of
14 Congress in support of the Program as de-
15 scribed in subsection (c)(1)(B), together with
16 any income earned on such amounts;

17 (C) amounts appropriated pursuant to the
18 authorization under subsection (f); and

19 (D) interest on the balance of the account.

20 (2) USE OF AMOUNTS.—The funds contained in
21 the account established under this subsection shall
22 be used solely by the Law Librarian of Congress to
23 carry out the Program.

24 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than April 30 of
25 each year (beginning with 2009), the Librarian of Con-

1 gress shall submit a report on Program funding and ac-
2 tivities to the Committee on House Administration of the
3 House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and
4 Administration of the Senate, the American Bar Associa-
5 tion, and the American Association of Law Libraries. The
6 report shall include—

7 (1) a listing of all donations received in support
8 of the Program during the previous year;

9 (2) the total obligations during the previous
10 year for each Program activity;

11 (3) the amount appropriated pursuant to the
12 authorization under subsection (f) for the fiscal year
13 beginning on the previous October 1;

14 (4) a list of Program activities, with budget in-
15 formation for each such activity, planned for the cal-
16 endar year in which the report is submitted; and

17 (5) any findings in the most recently completed
18 audit conducted with respect to the Law Library or
19 Program funds or investments.

20 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
21 tion to any other amounts authorized to be appropriated
22 to the Librarian of Congress for the Law Library of Con-
23 gress for a fiscal year, there are authorized to be appro-
24 priated for deposit into the account established under sub-
25 section (d) an amount equal to 40 percent of the amount

1 of the donations accepted by the Library of Congress
2 Trust Fund Board in support of the Program under sub-
3 section (c)(1) during the previous fiscal year.

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