

HR 2728

William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Congress

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (Aug 3, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jun 4, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Reported By	Jun 19, 2009
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 3, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Congress

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act - Authorizes appropriations to the Library of Congress for the maintenance and administration of the operations of the Law Library of the Library of Congress, including the cataloguing of the collections of the Law Library.

Directs the Law Library to electronically catalog and archive material in its collections in a nonproprietary and nondiscriminatory format.

Requires the separation of the salaries and expenses of the Law Library from other salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress in the preparation of the annual budget for the Library of Congress.

Establishes the William Orton Law Library Support Program to provide enhanced or special services and programs for the Law Library and otherwise support the mission of the Law Library.

Allows the Librarian of Congress (the Librarian) to carry out the Program through agreements and partnerships with other government and private entities, including the American Association of Law Libraries and the American Bar Association (ABA).

Permits the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board and the Librarian to accept private donations in support of the Program. Makes any accepted donations subject to disbursement by the Librarian only upon the recommendation of the Law Librarian, with an exception.

Establishes in the Treasury a separate account for the Program. Limits the use of account funds only to the Law Librarian to carry out such Program.

Authorizes annual appropriations to the Library of Congress for the deposit into such account of an amount equal to 40% of the amount of donations accepted by the Board in support of such Program, in addition to any other amounts authorized for the Law Library.

Designates the Law Library as the "National Law Library."

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9138-9139)
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 383 - 44 (Roll no. 678).(text: CR 7/28/2009 H8936)
- **Jul 30, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 383 - 44 (Roll no. 678). (text: CR 7/28/2009 H8936)
- **Jul 30, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 28, 2009:** Ms. Lofgren, Zoe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 28, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8936-8937)
- **Jul 28, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2728.
- **Jul 28, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Lungren, Daniel E. objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jun 19, 2009:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 111-170.
- **Jun 19, 2009:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 86.
- **Jun 10, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 10, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 4, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.