



H.R. 5893 – Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2008

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 5893 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Robert Brady (D-PA) on April 24, 2008. The House Committee on House Administration agreed to the bill, as amended, by voice vote on May 7, 2008.

H.R. 5893 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 4, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 5893 authorizes appropriations for the National Recording Preservation Board, the National Recording Preservation Foundation, the National Film Preservation Board, and the National Film Preservation Foundation. These organizations are administered by the Library of Congress (LOC).

H.R. 5893 enables the Librarian to remove any member of the National Recording Preservation Board if the member fails to attend a scheduled Board meeting, or if the member is determined to have failed to fulfill the member's responsibilities as a member of the Board.

The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$530,000 for both 2008 and 2009, \$750,000 each for 2010 and 2011 and \$1 million for each year between 2012 and 2017. The amounts authorized are made available to match any private contributions made by private persons and State and local governments.

BACKGROUND

Under current law, authorizations for the National Recording Preservation Board and Foundation expire at the end of 2008, while authorizations for the National Film Preservation Board and Foundation expire at the end of 2009. Under H.R. 5893, all four entities are authorized through 2016.

The National Recording Preservation Board and Foundation, established in 2000, select and maintain recorded sounds for preservation in the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry. The National Film Preservation Board and Foundation, established in 1998, select and maintain films for preservation in the Library of Congress' National Film Registry.

The Library of Congress is the national library of the United States and the research branch of Congress. The Library was established on April 24, 1800, when President John Adams signed an act of Congress providing for the transfer of the seat of government to the new capital city of Washington. The LOC is the largest library in the world.

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COST

According to the Congressional Budget Office estimates that implementing H.R. 5893 "would cost \$6 million over the 2009-2013 period."

[Full CBO cost estimate for H.R. 5893](#)

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