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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 15818 - To Redesignate
the National Historical Publications
Commission

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 15818, sponsored by Representatives Brooks and Horton.

The purpose of the bill is to:

- Change the name of the National Historical Publications Commission to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission;
- increase the membership of the Commission by four members; and
- increase the annual authorization of appropriations from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 and extend the period of such authorization by two years.

OMB recommends approval and provides you with additional background information in its enrolled bill report (Tab A).

Max Friedersdorf and Phil Areeda both recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 15818 (Tab B)



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 18 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 15818 - To redesignate the
National Historical Publications Commission
Sponsors - Rep. Brooks (D) Texas and Rep. Horton (R)
New York

Last Day for Action

December 27, 1974 - Friday

Purpose

To (1) redesignate the name of the National Historical Publications Commission; (2) increase the membership of the Commission; (3) increase the annual authorization; and (4) extend the authorization.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
General Services Administration	Approval

Discussion

The National Historical Publications Commission was established in 1934 to promote the collection and publication of the papers of outstanding citizens of the United States to enhance our understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States. In 1950 President Truman directed the Commission to make available "the public and private writings of men whose contributions to our history are now inadequately represented by published works."

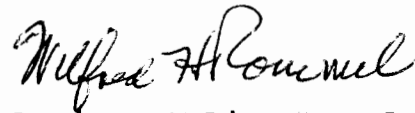
In 1964 the Commission was authorized to make grants to Federal, State, and local agencies and to nonprofit institutions for accumulating documentation significant to U.S. history. Since 1964, each dollar appropriated has generated over two dollars in contributions from other sources. In 1972 the Commission was expanded and its annual authorization increased from \$500,000 to \$2 million.



While the Commission has continued to concentrate primarily on publication of papers of great people of early U.S. history, the Congress feels it is now appropriate to expand the scope of its activities in areas other than those of important individuals. This Act would encourage all levels of government to collect, preserve and publish valuable records generated in every facet of life in our Nation's history. At a hearing before the Government Activities Subcommittee, the Archivist of the United States, Dr. James B. Rhodes stated:

"We cannot understand the breadth and scope of this Nation's contributions to the development of modern society by understanding the lives of only such exemplary men as Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln. The American heritage stems from the small; the national and the local figure; the statesman, political leader, merchant and poet. The records of the Nation are not solely of the National Government. The history of this Nation is woven from the records of New England townships, Texas counties, and the great metropolitan centers throughout the country."

The enrolled bill would change the Commission's name from the National Historical Publications Commission to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to signify its expanded role. It would increase the membership to include two representatives of the Society of American Archivists and two representatives of the American Association for State and Local History to make available the required expertise for the new collections. Under present law, the Commission is authorized \$2 million in each of the four fiscal years succeeding June 30, 1973. To facilitate implementation of the new program, H.R. 15818 would authorize \$4 million in each of the four fiscal years succeeding June 30, 1975. The GSA budget request and OMB's recommendation would continue funding at the \$2 million level for fiscal year 1976.



Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 789

Date: December 18, 1974

Time: 4:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Geoff Shepard *oh*
Bill Timmons *oh*
Phil Areeda *oh*

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, December 24

Time: 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill H.R. 15818 - To Redesignate the
National Historical Publications Commission

ACTION REQUESTED:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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No objection



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Warren K. Hendriks
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 789
Enrolled Bill H. R. 15818 - To Redesignate the
National Historical Publications Commission

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment

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Date: December 18, 1974

Time: 4:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Geoff Shepard
Bill Timmons
Phil Areeda ✓

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

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*Sign
P. Areeda*

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Warren K. Hendriks _____
For the President

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20405



DEC 17 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

By referral dated December 13, 1974, from the Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, your office requested the views of the General Services Administration on enrolled bill H.R. 15818, 93rd Congress, an act "To amend title 44, United States Code, to redesignate the National Historical Publications Commission as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, to increase the membership of such Commission, and to increase the authorization of appropriations for such Commission."

The bill would give to the present National Historical Publications Commission the added function of collecting and preserving significant historical records at the State and local level, and change the Commission's name to reflect its new scope of activities. It also would increase the Commission's membership by four, and increase its annual appropriations authorization from \$2 million to \$4 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, and for each of the four succeeding fiscal years.

GSA favors Presidential approval of the enrolled bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sampson".

ARTHUR F. SAMPSON
ADMINISTRATOR



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 18 1974

To: Karen Hendricks
12-18-74
3:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 15818 - To redesignate the National Historical Publications Commission
Sponsors - Rep. Brooks (D) Texas and Rep. Horton (R) New York

Last Day for Action

December 27, 1974 - Friday

Purpose

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Discussion

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In 1964 the Commission was authorized to make grants to Federal, State, and local agencies and to nonprofit institutions for accumulating documentation significant to U.S. history. Since 1964, each dollar appropriated has generated over two dollars in contributions from other sources. In 1972 the Commission was expanded and its annual authorization increased from \$500,000 to \$2 million.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12/18/74

TO: WARREN HENDRIKS

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NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS
COMMISSION

AUGUST 23, 1974.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HOLIFIELD, from the Committee on Government Operations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 15818]

The Committee on Government Operations, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 15818) to amend title 44, United States Code, to redesignate the National Historical Publications Commission as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, to increase the membership of such Commission, and to increase the authorization of appropriations for such Commission, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 2, line 1, strike out "of" the second place it appears and insert in lieu thereof "for".

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 15818 is to: (1) redesignate the name of the National Historical Publications Commission as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; (2) increase the membership of the Commission by four members, adding two representatives of the Society of American Archivists and two representatives of the American Association for State and Local History; and (3) increasing the annual authorization of appropriations from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 and extending the period of such authorization by two years. These changes in the Commission are to permit the Commission to undertake projects relating to the collection and preservation of historical records of the United States in addition to its present activities concentrating on the publication of papers of historical significance to the Nation.

HEARING

On July 16, 1974, the Committee, through its Government Activities Subcommittee, held hearings on H.R. 15818. Dr. James B. Rhodes,

Archivist of the United States and the Chairman of the National Historical Publications Commission; and Mr. Charles E. Lee, Director of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History representing five major American historical associations, were the principal witnesses.

COMMITTEE VOTE

H.R. 15818, as amended, was unanimously approved by voice vote at a meeting of the Full Committee on August 15, 1974, a quorum being present.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT

The amendment approved by the Committee is in the nature of a technical amendment to correct a typographical error in the bill. The American Association for State and Local History was incorrectly mentioned at one place in the bill as the American Association of State and Local History.

BACKGROUND

Congress, in 1934, established the National Historical Publications Commission (hereafter referred to as the Commission) for purposes of promoting the collection and publication of "the papers of outstanding citizens of the United States, and other documents as may be important for an understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States."

In 1950, President Truman directed the Commission to report a plan for making available "the public and private writings of men whose contributions to our history are now inadequately represented by published works." The Commission, in accordance with this directive, submitted a report in 1954 to President Eisenhower, and from that time until 1964, the Commission functioned in accordance with a program that required it to cooperate with, and encourage governmental and private bodies in collecting and preserving historical source materials, and to plan and recommend historical works and collections of source materials.

The Commission began a more active role in compiling and preserving documentary source materials in 1964, following the passage of Public Law 88-383. This measure authorized, for the first time, annual appropriations not to exceed \$500,000 for grants to Federal, State, and local agencies and to nonprofit organizations and institutions for collecting, describing, preserving and publishing documentary sources significant to the history of the United States. Since fiscal year 1965, when funds were first appropriated for the Commission, each dollar of appropriated money has generated over two dollars of contributions from other sources.

In 1972, Congress enacted into law Public Law 92-546 which added to the Commission's membership two members representing the Organization of American Historians and which increased the annual authorization for appropriations from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.

In the period from 1964 to date, the Commission has been able to endorse or support 177 different projects in many states, relating to persons, subject areas, and other historical themes. Of the 177 endorse-

ments, 56 are for letterpress publications projects. In addition, the Commission has given impetus to a program of publication of important documents on microfilm. This has led to 29 repositories completing 104 titles in 3,346 reels of film.

DISCUSSION

The National Historical Publications Commission, under existing law, has the authority to collect, preserve, edit and publish historical works and other documents important to an understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States, including the papers of outstanding U.S. citizens. In support of this obligation, the Commission is authorized to provide technical and financial assistance to governmental agencies (Federal, State and local) as well as non-governmental institutions, societies, and individuals.

The Commission has concentrated its efforts primarily upon the publication of papers of the great men of our country's early history. This has undoubtedly been appropriate. The time has come, however, as we approach the 200th anniversary of the Nation's birth, to expand our efforts to collect and preserve historical papers and documents, other than those of important individuals, which advance an understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States.

As stated by the Archivist of the United States, Dr. James B. Rhoads at the hearing before the Government Activities Subcommittee on H.R. 15818:

We cannot understand the breadth and scope of this Nation's contributions to the development of modern society by understanding the lives of only such exemplary men as Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. The American heritage stems from the great and the small; the national and the local figure; the statesman, political leader, merchant and poet. The records of the Nation are not solely of the National Government. The history of this Nation is woven from the records of New England townships, Texas counties, and the great metropolitan centers throughout the country.

Agencies of the Federal government, such as the National Archives and the Library of Congress, State and local governments, professional societies, educational institutions, libraries, and other organizations have made laudable efforts to preserve and collect important historical materials. Lack of adequate financial assistance and, perhaps, a lack of central coordination and impetus have impeded an all-out effort to develop and carry on the necessary programs. As a result, many records of our Nation's history are unavailable for examination, and perhaps even in peril of destruction.

The purpose of H.R. 15818 is to spark a greater effort on the part of all levels of government and interested private organizations and individuals to collect, preserve and publish valuable records generated in every facet of life which would significantly further an understanding and appreciation of our Nation's history.

The impetus for this expanded effort and increased personal involvement is to be led by the National Historical Publications Commission, which will hereafter be called the National Historical Publications

and Records Commission, thereby publicly signifying its expanded role. Adding representatives from the Society of American Archivists and the American Association for State and Local History is intended to provide the Commission's membership with added expertise who can lend expert guidance and assistance toward expanding the Commission's activities. Increasing the Commission's annual appropriation by \$2,000,000, although not earmarked as to use, is primarily designed to provide the means for the Commission to fund efforts to collect, preserve, edit and publish historical records not presently the object of satisfactory preservation. State and local efforts will be the primary beneficiaries of this expanded program. It is also intended that some of the funds will be used to develop model programs for the preservation of historically significant source documents to provide guidance to efforts to preserve contemporary materials which will be of historical value in the future.

It is to be emphasized that H.R. 15818 is looked upon by the Committee as a vehicle for initiating interest and a will to expand preservation efforts. Especially in the case of State and local records, the chief financial burden and archival direction should continue to rest with State and local governments and institutions. It is hoped that the Federal grants made under this program will continue to generate more than their equal from private sources as has been the case in the past.

ESTIMATED COST

The passage of this legislation would result in an increased authorization for appropriations of an additional \$2,000,000 for each of the Fiscal Years 1975 through 1977 and \$4,000,000 for each of Fiscal Years 1978 and 1979 for a total increase of \$14,000,000 during the next 5 Fiscal Years.

The increased cost attributable to four additional members of the Commission would involve only travel expenses and per diem subsistence allowance, since Commission members serve without pay. These additional expenses cannot be estimated since there is no way to determine currently where the additional members will reside or how many days per year they will devote to the performance of their duties as members of the Commission.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1

Section 1(a) amends the chapter heading of chapter 25, title 44, United States Code, to read "National Historical Publications and Records Commission".

Section 1(b) amends section 2501 of chapter 25 of title 44, United States Code, by enlarging the Commission to include two members of the Society of American Archivists and two members of the American Association for State and Local History, each member to be appointed for a four-year term.

Section 1(c) amends section 2504(b) of chapter 25 of title 44, United States Code, to extend the authorization for appropriations from Fiscal Year 1977 to 1979 and by increasing the annual authorization for appropriations from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

SECTION 2

Section 2 amends the chapter analysis at the beginning of title 44, United States Code, to conform to the changed name of the Commission.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in *italics*, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TITLE 44, UNITED STATES CODE

TITLE 44.—PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS

Chapter	Section
1. Joint Committee on Printing.....	101
3. Government Printing Office.....	301
5. Production and Procurement of Printing and Binding.....	501
7. Congressional Printing and Binding.....	701
9. Congressional Record.....	901
11. Executive and Judiciary Printing and Binding.....	1101
13. Particular Reports and Documents.....	1301
15. Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations.....	1501
17. Distribution and Sale of Public Documents.....	1701
19. Depository Library Program.....	1901
21. Archival Administration.....	2101
23. National Archives Trust Fund Board.....	2301
25. National Historical Publications and Records Commission.....	2501
27. Federal Records Council.....	2701
29. Records Management by Administrator of General Services.....	2901
31. Records Management by Federal Agencies.....	3101
33. Disposal of Records.....	3301
35. Coordination of Federal Reporting Services.....	3501
37. Advertisements by Government Agencies.....	3701
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Chapter 25.—NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

§ 2501. Creation; composition; appointment and tenure.

The National Historical Publications Commission shall consist of the Archivist of the United States (or an alternate designated by him), who shall be Chairman; the Librarian of Congress (or an alternate designated by him); one Senator to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the President of the Senate; one Representative to be appointed, for a term of two years, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of the judicial branch of the Government to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the Chief Justice of the United States; one representative of the Department of State to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the Secretary of State; one representative of the Department of Defense to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the Secretary of Defense; two members of the American Historical Association to be appointed for terms of four years by the council of the Association; two members of the Organization of American Historians to be appointed for terms of four years

by the Executive Board of the Organization, one of whom shall be appointed for an initial term of two years, and whose successors shall each serve four years; *two members of the Society of American Archivists to be appointed, for terms of four years, by the Society of American Archivists; two members of the American Association for State and Local History to be appointed, for terms of four years, by the American Association for State and Local History; and two other members outstanding in the fields of the social or physical sciences to be appointed for terms of four years by the President of the United States.*

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§ 2504. Duties: authorization of grants for collection, reproduction, and publication of documentary historical source material.

(a) The Commission shall make plans, estimates, and recommendations for historical works and collections of sources, it considers appropriate for printing or otherwise recording at the public expense. It shall also cooperate with and encourage appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and nongovernmental institutions, societies, and individuals in collecting and preserving and, when it considers it desirable, in editing and publishing the papers of outstanding citizens of the United States, and other documents as may be important for an understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States. The Administrator of General Services may, within the limits of available appropriated and donated funds, make allocations to Federal agencies, and grants to State and local agencies and to nonprofit organizations and institutions, for the collecting, describing, preserving and compiling, and publishing (including microfilming and other forms of reproduction) of documentary sources significant to the history of the United States. Before making allocations and grants, the Administrator should seek the advice and recommendations of the National Historical Publications Commission. The Chairman of the Commission shall transmit to the Administrator from time to time and at least annually, plans, estimates, and recommendations approved by the Commission.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the General Services Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, [1973] 1975, and for each of the four succeeding fiscal years an amount not to exceed [\$2,000,000] \$4,000,000 for each year for the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section: *Provided*, That such appropriations shall be available until expended when so provided in appropriation Acts.

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REPORT
No. 93-1331

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

DECEMBER 11, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

MR. ERVIN, from the Committee on Government Operations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 15818]

The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 15818) to amend title 44, United States Code, to redesignate the National Historical Publications Commission as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, to increase the membership of such Commission, and to increase the authorization of appropriations for such Commission, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 15818 is to strengthen and enlarge the scope of activities of the National Historical Publications Commission so as to enable it to undertake projects relating to the collection and preservation of historical records of the United States, including those of State and local governments, in addition to its present activities which are concentrated primarily on the publication of papers of historical significance to the Nation.

It seeks to accomplish these objectives by (1) redesignating the name of the National Historical Publications Commission as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission; (2) increasing the membership of the Commission by four, adding two repre-

representatives of the Society of American Archivists and two representatives of the American Association for State and Local History; and (3) increasing the annual appropriation authorization from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000, and extending the period of such authorization by 2 years.

H.R. 15818 passed the House of Representatives on December 3, 1974 under suspension of the rules. It is a companion bill to S. 4102.

BACKGROUND

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sion is authorized to provide technical and financial assistance to governmental agencies (Federal, State, and local) as well as nongovernmental institutions, societies, and individuals. In this connection, the Commission is responsible for advising the Administrator of General Services with respect to the making of allocations to Federal agencies and grants to State and local agencies and nonprofit organizations and institutions for collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, and publishing documentary sources significant to the history of the United States.

CONCLUSIONS

A review of the work of the National Historical Publications Commission reveals that it has concentrated its efforts and resources primarily on the publication of papers of the great men in our country's early history. However, a very significant portion of the Nation's history is found in the records and documents of State and local governments.

Highlighting this factor in testimony before a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, Dr. James B. Rhodes, the Archivist of the United States, stated:

We cannot understand the breadth and scope of this Nation's contributions to the development of modern society by understanding the lives of such exemplary men as Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln. The American heritage stems from the great and the small; the national and the local figure; the statesman, political leader, merchant, and poet. The records of the Nation are not solely of the National Government. This history of this Nation is woven from the records of New England townships, Texas counties, and the great metropolitan centers throughout the country.

With the approach of the 200th anniversary of our Nation's birth, the Committee believes that the time has come for a modest expansion of our efforts to collect and preserve historical documents and papers, other than those of important national figures, which advance an understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States. Our universities and other nonprofit organizations, as well as State archivists, have done what they can with relatively limited resources. They are expected to continue their work with the assistance and encouragement of the enlarged agency which this bill would establish.

A new National Historical Publications and Records Commission, with expanded membership and additional funding, is expected to give impetus and encouragement to the excellent work which is now being done by scholars throughout the land. The addition of two representatives from the Society of American Archivists and two members from the American Association for State and Local History, is expected to provide the Commission's membership with added expertise and expert guidance and direction. Increasing the Commission's annual appropriation from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000, although not earmarked as to use, is designed to provide the means for the Commission to fund efforts to collect, edit, preserve, and publish historical records which are not now being preserved in a satisfactory manner. Although

State and local efforts will be the principal beneficiaries of the expanded program, it is also intended that some of the funds will be devoted to the development of model programs for the preservation of historically significant source documents to provide guidance to efforts to preserve contemporary materials which will be of historical value in the future.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee urges favorable action on H.R. 15818.

ESTIMATED COST

The passage of this legislation would result in an increased authorization for appropriations of an additional \$2,000,000 for each of the Fiscal Years 1975 through 1977 and \$4,000,000 for each of Fiscal Years 1978 and 1979 for a total increase of \$14,000,000 during the next 5 Fiscal Years.

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CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

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Chapter 25.—NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

§ 2501. Creation; composition; appointment and tenure.

The National Historical Publications Commission shall consist of the Archivist of the United States (or an alternate designated by him), who shall be Chairman; the Librarian of Congress (or an alternate designated by him); one Senator to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the President of the Senate; one Representative to be appointed, for a term of two years, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one member of the judicial branch of the Government to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the Chief Justice of the United States; one representative of the Department of State to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the Secretary of State; one representative of the Department of Defense to be appointed, for a term of four years, by the Secretary of Defense; two members of the American Historical Association to be appointed for terms of four years by the council of the Association; two members of the Organization of American Historians to be appointed for terms of four years by the Executive Board of the Organization, one of whom shall be appointed for an initial term of two years, and whose successors shall each serve four years; *two members of the Society of American Archivists to be appointed, for terms of four years, by the Society of American Archivists; two members of the American Association for State and Local History to be appointed, for terms of four years, by the American Association for State and Local History;* and two other members outstanding in the fields of the social or physical sciences to be appointed for terms of four years by the President of the United States.

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§ 2504. Duties: authorization of grants for collection, reproduction, and publication of documentary historical source material.

(a) The Commission shall make plans, estimates, and recommendations for historical works and collections of sources, it considers appropriate for printing or otherwise recording at the public expense. It shall also cooperate with and encourage appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and nongovernmental institutions, societies, and individuals in collecting and preserving and, when it considers it desirable, in editing and publishing the papers of outstanding citizens of the United States, and other documents as may be important for an understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States. The Administrator of General Services may, within the limits of available appropriated and donated funds, make allocations to Federal agencies, and grants to State and local agencies and to nonprofit organizations and institutions, for the collecting, describing, preserving and compiling, and publishing (including microfilming and other forms of reproduction) of documentary sources significant to the history of the United States. Before making allocations

and grants, the Administrator should seek the advice and recommendations of the National Historical Publications Commission. The Chairman of the Commission shall transmit to the Administrator from time to time and at least annually, plans, estimates, and recommendations approved by the Commission.

(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the General Services Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, [1973] 1975, and for each of the four succeeding fiscal years an amount not to exceed [\$2,000,000] \$4,000,000 for each year for the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section: *Provided*, That such appropriations shall be available until expended when so provided in appropriation Acts.

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H. R. 15818

Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

An Act

To amend title 44, United States Code, to redesignate the National Historical Publications Commission as the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, to increase the membership of such Commission, and to increase the authorization of appropriations for such Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) chapter 25 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by inserting "AND RECORDS" immediately after "PUBLICATIONS" in the chapter heading.

(b) Section 2501 of such title is amended by inserting "two members of the Society of American Archivists to be appointed, for terms of four years, by the Society of American Archivists; two members of the American Association for State and Local History to be appointed, for terms of four years, by the American Association for State and Local History;" immediately after the last semicolon in such section.

(c) Section 2504 (b) of such title is amended by—

(1) striking out "1973" and inserting in lieu thereof "1975";

and

(2) striking out "\$2,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$4,000,000".

SEC. 2. The chapter analysis at the beginning of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking out

~~"25. National Historical Publications Commission"~~

~~and inserting in lieu thereof~~

"25. National Historical Publications and Records Commission".

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

December 16, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 16th:

✓ S.J. Res. 263	✓ H.R. 14349
✓ H.R. 1355	✓ H.R. 15067
✓ H.R. 5056	✓ H.R. 15818
H.R. 7072 ✓	✓ H.R. 16006
✓ H.R. 7077	✓ H.R. 16424
✓ H.R. 11013	

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.