

than the 2-year extension program provided for in H.R. 6232. I agree with this recommendation. Although great progress has been made, the program, because of limited funding, is just getting started.

A 5-year extension would give us sufficient time to put the national program for acquisitions and cataloging on a sound operating basis.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Mrs. GREEN. Thank you very much, Mr. Mumford. I have a couple of questions.

I notice in the bill and in the testimony of the Commissioner that a study is to be completed in 1969 of the relationship of the Library of Congress to the executive and the legislative branches. Who is conducting this study and when did it get underway? How is the Congress involved in it?

Mr. MUMFORD. I think there may be some misunderstanding with respect to that. I believe the Commissioner was referring to the National Commission on Libraries, members of which were appointed by the President about 6 months ago. This Commission has the function of studying the whole library picture throughout the country—the problems and needs of libraries generally.

Its attention is not directed specifically toward the Library of Congress, or its relationship to the governmental structure.

I am sure the Commission will acquaint itself with the work of the Library of Congress and its functions.

As a matter of fact the Library of Congress has a meeting scheduled with the members of the Commission in May. A special study of the Library and its relationship to the executive branch was certainly not specified as one of the purposes of the Commission's study.

Mrs. GREEN. Is that included in the study?

Mr. MUMFORD. I can't say what the members of the Commission may give attention to, but this topic is not included in the outline of functions which the President directed the Commission to follow or address itself to.

The Library of Congress, Madam Chairman, as I am sure you and the members of this subcommittee are aware, is, however, central to the library system of this country. It is, in effect, the National Library, as well as the Library of the Congress. It serves other libraries and the scholarly community of the Nation. Although it is not specifically designated as an object of study by this Commission, I would assume, therefore, that its role will be considered.

Mrs. GREEN. I wonder if I might yield to Mr. Thompson, a member of the Committee on House Administration that I think has jurisdiction over matters concerning the Library of Congress. In connection with this bill, Congressman Thompson, is there any conflict in jurisdiction here? As you know, the cataloging was put in by this committee because of the very urgent problems and because of the requests of colleges and universities.

At that time we certainly had no intention of taking jurisdiction over the Library of Congress. Do you have questions to direct to Dr. Mumford and then any comments on this particular legislation?

Mr. THOMPSON. I have no comment except to thank Dr. Mumford for his statement. I alluded to a project the other day and was not in pos-