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DRAFT STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN FOGARTY

I am introducing today a bill to amend and extend Public Law 85-905 which is now designed to provide a loan service of captioned films for the use of deaf persons. The success of the experiment to acquire films, caption them, provide them on a loan basis for the use of deaf persons, and to support research in the use of educational and training films for the deaf leads me to propose this amendment to the captioned films legislation to broaden it and to extend the fundamental idea behind it to include other handicapped children.

My colleague, Mr. Carey, has submitted legislation which would broaden and extend the loan service available to deaf persons. The bill I am introducing takes the Carey bill as its foundation. My bill adds authority to extend the same kinds of production and loan services, and research support to the use of all educational media for other handicapped children.

Captioned films have filled an obvious need for deaf persons and the program has demonstrated a need for expansion and amplification. But research has shown, for example, that new techniques using speeded sound tapes or outsized visual objects might be of particular use in teaching children who are blind or visually impaired. Research has also shown the benefits of programmed instruction for the mentally retarded using new media of sophisticated design. Obvious needs for crippled children might be met through research, or production, or loan services.

The method of attack here is direct. I am proposing to take a program that has worked well for deaf persons, and broaden it in such a way that it serves other handicapped children in the same manner and covering all educational media.