Mr. Fogarty,

Mr. Speaker, I ~~would like to speak this afternoon~~ rise in strong

support of H.R. 13783 introduced by my colleague, the gentleman from

Texas. Mr. Burleson's bill will contribute measurably to the services

currently being offered to those individuals throughout the Nation

afflicted with physical handicaps who have a need for books, tapes,

musical scores, and other specialized materials. By expanding the

number of people who might be served under existing legislation the bill

will also contribute to a broadening of the types of materials to be

made available to all persons with physical handicaps, as the Librarian

of Congress so forcefully stated in his testimony before the Committee

on House Administration.

My support for this bill is matched by my conviction that a

great deal still remains to be done with respect to the development and

provision of materials for all the handicapped including, for example,

the mentally retarded and the seriously emotionally disturbed. While

the passage of H.R. 13783 will contribute in important ways to the

broadening the services now available, there is urgent need for new

legislation which will extend the production and loan services now

available under such legislation as Captioned Films for the Deaf

P.L. 85-905 and the bill under consideration here today, to all areas

of the handicapped.

Production and loan programs for the blind and the deaf have

filled an obvious need. Research, however, is showing us that new

techniques and new equipment can contribute measurably to the education

of children with other kinds of handicaps. Certain kinds of programmed

instruction or computer based instructional techniques are proving

successful with mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed youngsters,

but the equipment and materials involved are of sophisticated design

and are financially beyond the reach of most schools. Similarly, the

obvious needs of crippled children might be met through production, or

loan services.

Mr. Burleson's bill moves us another step closer to our general

goal. We must not conclude, however, that by passing it, as I think

we must, we have completed the task. Other youngsters and adults will

still have equally demanding needs and we must not rest until we have

developed programs similar to H.R. 10562 which I introduced last August.

The method of attack proposed in my bill is broad gauged, but it is

essential that we continue toward the general goal toward which

Mr. Burleson's bill constitutes an important step.