FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER

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Mr. CELLER, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 6111]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6111) to provide for the establishment of a Federal Judicial Center, having inet, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following:

TITLE I-FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER

SEC. 101. Title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting, immediately following chapter 41, a new chapter as follows:

"Chapter 42.—FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER

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 "622. Meetings; conduct of business.
 "623. Duties of the Board.
 "624. Powers of the Board.
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- "629. Organizational provisions.

"§ 620. Federal Judicial Center

"(a) There is established within the judicial branch of the Government a Federal Judicial Center, whose purpose it shall be to jurther

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the development and adoption of improved judicial administration in the courts of the United Sta es.

"(b) The Center shall have the following functions:

"(1) to conduct research and study of the operation of the courts of the United States, and to stimulate and coordinate such research and study on the part of other public and private persons and agencies;

"(2) to develop and present for consideration by the Judicial Conference of the United States recommendations for improvement of the administration and management of the courts of the United States;

"(3) to stimulate, create, develop, and conduct programs of continuing education and training for personnel of the judicial branch of the Government, including, but not limited to, judges, referees, clerks of court, probation officers, and United States commissioners; and

"(4) insofar as may be consistent with the performance of the other functions set forth in this section, to provide staff, research, and planning assistance to the Judicial Conference of the United States and its committees.

"§ 621. Board; composition, tenure of members, compensation

"(a) The activities of the Center shall be supervised by a Board to be composed of—

"(1) the Chief Justice of the United States, who shall be the permanent Chairman of the Board;

"(2) two active judges of the courts of appeals of the United States and three active judges of the district courts of the United States elected by vote of the members of the Judicial Conference of the United States: Provided, however, That the judges so elected shall not be members of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and

"(3) the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, who shall be a permanent member of the Board.

"(b) The term of office of each elected member of the Board shall be four years: Provided, however, That section 629 of this chapter shall govern the terms of office of the first members elected to the Board: And provided further, That a member elected to serve for an unexpired term arising by virtue of the death, disability, retirement, or resignation of a member shall be elected only for such unexpired term.

"(c) No member elected for a four-year term shall be eligible for reelection to the Board.

"(d) Members of the Board shall serve without additional compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

"§ 622. Meetings; conduct of business

"(a) Regular meetings of the Board shall be held quarterly. Special meetings shall be held from time to time upon the call of the Chairman, acting at his own discretion or pursuant to the petition of any four members.

"(b) Each member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote. A simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The Board shall act upon the concurrence of a simple majority of the members present and voting.