

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 3261,
DATABASE AND COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION MISAPPROPRIATION ACT**

WHEREAS, The Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property of the House Judiciary Committee has introduced H.R. 3261, the Database And Collections Of Information Misappropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3261 would reverse the basic information policy of this country that facts are not creative in nature and cannot be owned; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3261 seeks to protect commercial databases from piracy, but does not allow for legitimate future value-added uses of covered data; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3261 fails to make clear that government information, including government information contained in commercial databases, is already paid for by the public and should remain in the public domain; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3261 will harm legitimate business, research and education activities and will threaten the fair use of information; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association opposes H.R. 3261, the Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act; and encourages its members to ask their legislators to oppose H.R. 3261.

Initiated by: COL Intellectual Property and Technology subcommittee, 1/10/04

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