

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT

Whereas, the press reports that the General Education Provisions Act, which governs the administration of federal education programs, may be rescinded, and

Whereas, such rescission would effectively eliminate Section 432 of the Act, which provides--

No provision of any applicable program shall be construed to authorize any department, agency, officer, or employee of the United States to exercise any direction, supervision, or control over the curriculum, program of instruction, administration, or personnel of any educational institution, school, or school system, or over the selection of library resources, textbooks, or other printed or published instructional materials by any educational institution or school system. . . , and

Whereas, such repeal, and the imminent repeal of similar language in Section 604 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, would remove federal government restrictions against interference with selection of instructional materials,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the the Council of the American Library Association express its strong opposition to the repeal of the aforementioned section of the GEPA, and

Be it further resolved, that the Council of the American Library

Association request the Washington Office of the Association to lobby strongly in all appropriate ways in favor of the retention of the spirit of the provisions of Section 432 of GEPA as federal law.

Approved by the ALA Intellectual Freedom
Committee, January 27, 1982