

RESOLUTION REGARDING SENATE BILL S. 774

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has expressed its opposition to full cost recovery for access to government information; and

WHEREAS, paragraph (4) (a) (i) (c) of Senate Bill S. 774 would require full cost recovery for information "generated or procured by the Government at substantial cost to the public;" and

WHEREAS, the new cost recovery method goes far beyond the spirit of access of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the provision is unnecessary with the passage of the Omnibus Defense Authorization Act, 1984; and

WHEREAS, the provision which would limit access to information by academic researchers and the domestic private sector may be detrimental to the United States economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association communicate its opposition to paragraph (4) (a) (i) (c) of Senate Bill S. 774 to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ALA members be encouraged to monitor the progress of this provision of S. 774 and communicate with their respective Senators as needed.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
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