RESOLUTION ON DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES

WHEREAS depository libraries are vital to citizens in providing them access to U.S. Government information and materials on the local level; and

WHEREAS, even though many documents are supplied by law, it is necessary for the depositories to provide expensive staffing, servicing and space for the depository collection and purchase of non-GPO documents; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association shall establish an ad hoc committee composed of two members each selected by the ALA Legislation Committee, the RTSD/RSAD/ASLA Interdivisional Committee on Public Documents, the Government Documents Round Table, the ACRL Law and Political Science Section and one member of Council selected by the President of ALA. The committee will be composed of nine members. This committee shall investigate the possibility of proposing legislation to provide for the financial support of the Depository Library System; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that it will also prepare a report considering the possibility of proposing a revision of the Depository Act of 1962, incorporating such criteria as

- adequate financial support,
- provision of more non-GPO material,
- consulting services to the depository libraries, and
- other changes necessary to implement the basic provisions of the 1962 act; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this committee shall report to the several appropriate units, the Legislation Committee and to Council at the 1973 Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

Endorsed by ALA Legislation Committee, RTSD/RSAD/ASLA Interdivisional Committee on Public Documents, and Government Documents Round Table

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