

RESOLUTION ON THE GAO LEGISLATIVE HISTORY MICROFICHE FILES

- WHEREAS, the General Accounting Office legislative history files contain valuable resource material, comprising bills, committee hearings and prints, documents and reports, and other references to specific legislation, much of which has never been distributed to depository libraries; and
- WHEREAS, the House and Senate appropriations committees are considering mandating that the General Accounting Office legislative histories not be a part of the depository program; and
- WHEREAS, 355 depository libraries serving the 50 states have selected these publications after notification of their availability; and
- WHEREAS, much of the master silver microfiche, the most expensive part of the conversion process, has been completed and is ready for the production of duplicate copies; and
- WHEREAS, all federal government information of public interest and educational value, according to Title 44, U.S. Code, is to be included in the depository library program;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Library Association urge the United States Congress and the Comptroller General of the United States to make these microfiche files a depository library publication and provide funds for their duplication and distribution.

Adopted by the Council of the  
American Library Association  
San Francisco, California  
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