

Resolution Relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation

- WHEREAS, An amendment to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) was published in the March 20, 1987, Federal Register (52 Fed. Reg. 9036); and
- WHEREAS, Part 8 of the FAR was revised to allow executive agencies to bypass the printing procedures required by 44 U.S.C. 501(2); and
- WHEREAS, This amendment was based upon an executive agency opinion of the unconstitutionality of 44 U.S.C. 501(2) without any judicial review; and
- WHEREAS, The effect of this regulation is to eliminate the authority of the Joint Committee on Printing over executive agency printing and Congressional control over printing appropriations; and
- WHEREAS, The reduction of JCP authority over government printing will diminish the amount of information available to the public through the Government Printing Office's Depository Library and sales programs; and
- WHEREAS, This regulation will result in reduced access and higher fees for government information vital to the economic and social well being of the nation; and
- WHEREAS, This revision was implemented without any provision for public comment; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration be urged to rescind the revision of FAR Subpart 8.8; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the heads of each of the three agencies, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and appropriate members of Congress.

Adopted by the Council of the  
American Library Association  
San Francisco, California  
July 1, 1987  
(Council Document #63)