Copyright law and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

RESOLVED, That the ALA supports the National Commission to be created by S.2216, and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the ALA strongly urges that the Copyright Revision Bill be amended to provide that such of its terms as relate to any copyright usage under study by the National Commission shall not become effective until the Commission has made its report and the recommendations contained therein have been acted upon by the Congress.
RESOLUTION ON COPYRIGHT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDED PUBLICATIONS

WHEREAS the Constitutional authorization of copyright is based on a trade-off of limited property rights in exchange for contributions to the country's general welfare, and

WHEREAS copyright is a private privilege which does conflict with public interest and is therefore granted subject to definite limitations, and

WHEREAS any material produced with public monies are by their origins in the public domain,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association strongly endorse the principle that publications produced with public monies remain free of copyright constraints, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ALA immediately communicate its endorsement of this principle to the appropriate Congressional committees and encourage individual members to do likewise.

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Endorsed by the Government Documents Round Table

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