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## PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Successful progress can be reported on the Public Library Demonstration Bill (H.R. 874 - Madden, Inc.; H.R. 1411 - Patman, Texas; H.R. 6059 - Kelley, Pa.) in the House. The House Committee on Education and Labor has agreed to take up the bill in executive session the week of January 23rd with every prospect for a favorable report. The library bill will thus be one of six bills considered by the committee ahead of the controversial Federal Aid to Education Bill. There will not need to be a new hearing.

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL - SENATE

The Senate version of the library bill, S. 130 (Hill, Ala.; Aiken, Vt.; Douglas, Ill.), which has already been approved by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee (January 1949) is being pushed for early debate and vote. Efforts to pass the bill by unanimous consent have been abandoned because of Senator Taft's continued opposition.

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL - NEXT STEPS

Since the House Committee on Education and Labor will report on the Library Demonstration Bill the week of January 23rd, this is the time to alert citizen, organization, and library support to remind members of that Committee of our continued interest.

(\*Democrats)

\*John Lesinski, Mich., Chairman  
\*Cleveland M. Bailey, W. Va.  
\*Graham A. Barden, N. C.  
Walter E. Brehm, Ohio  
\*Thomas H. Burke, Ohio  
Ralph W. Gwinn, N. Y.  
\*Charles R. Howell, N. J.  
\*Leonard Irving, Mo.  
\*Andrew Jacobs, Ind.  
Carroll D. Kearns, Pa.  
\*Augustine B. Kelley, Pa.  
\*John F. Kennedy, Mass.

\*Wingate H. Lucas, Texas  
Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., Pa.  
Thruston B. Morton, Ky.  
Richard M. Nixon, Cal.  
\*Carl D. Perkins, Ky.  
\*Adam C. Powell, Jr., N. Y.  
\*Hugo S. Sims, S. C.  
Wint Smith, Kan.  
\*Tom Steed, Okla.  
Harold H. Velde, Ill.  
Thomas H. Werdel, Cal.  
\*Roy W. Wier, Minn.

\*John S. Wood, Va.

At this time our sponsors, Congressmen Patman, Madden, and Kelley and Senators Aiken, Douglas, and Hill should be reminded of our hope for early action.

Now is the time also to remind all the Senators that when the bill is voted upon their support is desired.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

At the request of the ALA, the U. S. Office of Education is compiling statistics that will be helpful when the library bill is debated by both Houses. Such statistics as the expenditures per person for public library purposes by state; population unserved by public libraries; the mobility of population; and various economic abilities of the states, should prove helpful not only to the Congressmen but to librarians in the field as well. A second call went out last week to those whose figures had not been received. If you haven't yet answered the second call your prompt answer will be appreciated.

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ALA WASHINGTON OFFICE

A new ALA Office has been established in Washington, D. C. and in addition, Mrs. Graham continues temporarily her work as part-time ALA Washington representative from her home and office in Falls Church, Virginia. The new office, to which correspondence should be addressed, is located at the Hotel Congressional, 300 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington 3, D. C., across the street from the House Office Buildings. Telephone: Atlantic 9920.

During the first two weeks of January Mr. Cory has been in Washington to work with Congress on ALA's program. He has been assisted on a consultant basis by Mrs. Margie Sornson Malmborg, Big Island, Virginia, formerly Executive Secretary and Legislative Representative of the Wisconsin Library Association during its successful 1949 campaign to secure enactment of a Library Demonstration Bill in Wisconsin.

Appointment of a full-time Director for the Washington Office and a secretary will be made in the near future.

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FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

At the ALA Midwinter meeting in Chicago (January 26-29, 1950) the Federal Relations Committee will hold two meetings: a closed session at 8:00 P.M. Thursday, January 26th; and an open meeting with the State Federal Relations Committees at 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 27th.

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CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Report from Raymond C. Lindquist  
Chairman, ALA Federal Relations Committee

The library associations of the following states have already made pledges or contributions toward the support of the A.L.A. Washington office. All who are interested in the extension of library service to the vast reaches of the United States without it, who are interested in building a stronger public library service and believe that the Library Demonstration Bill would be the means to a tremendous step forward for library development will join the chorus of appreciation to the associations that have come forward promptly to make their contributions.

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| Alabama              | Illinois      | Missouri       | South Carolina |
| Arizona              | Maryland      | New Jersey     | Tennessee      |
| Connecticut          | Massachusetts | North Carolina | Virginia       |
| District of Columbia | Michigan      | Ohio           | Washington     |
| Georgia              | Minnesota     | Oregon         | West Virginia  |
|                      | Mississippi   | Pennsylvania   |                |

As of this date (January 10th) contributions have not been received yet from the library associations of the following states. Those marked with an asterisk have written to tell about their plans to consider the matter later.

*Arkansas	Idaho	*Louisiana	New Hampshire	Rhode Island
*California	Indiana	Maine	New Mexico	Texas
Colorado	*Iowa	*Montana	*New York	Utah
Delaware	Kansas	Nebraska	North Dakota	Vermont
Florida	Kentucky	Nevada	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
				Wyoming

South Dakota has written that it plans to have a campaign locally to raise funds for its contribution.

THE NEXT STEPS IN THE CAMPAIGN  
FOR WASHINGTON OFFICE

At Midwinter we want to make a report to Council on the progress of the campaign. When we call the Honor Roll of state associations that have taken favorable action, naturally the more complete the list, the better. If there is anything that you can do in your state to encourage the Executive Board of your state library association to take favorable action before Midwinter it will be helpful.

The other big step is to raise the \$1,000 in Special Gifts that has been set as a quota for each of the two years. This is divided into goals of \$500 each year in individual gifts from librarians, and \$500 from publishers.

Lucile Nix, President of the A.L.A. Extension Division, will accept contributions from any members of the Extension Division who would like to give. Members of the Public Libraries Division or any other Division who are willing to make a personal contribution can send checks to the Chairman of the Federal Relations Committee, as indicated below.

We re-emphasize, this campaign has been planned so that the bulk of the funds will come from state associations and A.L.A. Divisions. However, \$1,000 was set as the goal from publishers and individuals. If your job is such that you think you should give even though your state library association has given something -- if your conviction is such that you want to give -- we will be happy to hear from you. Very modest contributions (\$2.00 or \$5.00 or \$10.00) will be the order of the day, though there is no limit, of course.

Any personal checks or money orders sent should be made payable to: American Library Association. A note should be attached stating that they are for the Washington office. Mail to Miss Nix, at State Department of Education, 92 Mitchell Street, S.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, if you want such a contribution credited to the Extension Division, otherwise to me at Cuyahoga County Public Library, 1150 West Third Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio. Thanks for your help.

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STATUS OF ALA WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

The ALA Washington Newsletter will continue to be published in order to provide prompt news on library developments in Washington which affect libraries throughout the United States. Because of limited staff and emphasis on legislative matters no attempt will be made to carry international news. The Newsletter will be mailed without charge to state library extension agencies, library periodicals, members of Federal Relations Committees, and other individuals interested in promoting ALA's legislative program.

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