



WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

THE CORONET • 200 C STREET, S.E. • WASHINGTON 3, D. C.

Volume 15

August 30, 1963

Number 12

All or any part of the Washington Newsletter
may be reprinted for distribution

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
ON H.R. 4879!

With the House of Representatives now adjourned for a long Labor Day weekend, H.R.4879, the Library Services and Construction Act, remains pending in the House Rules Committee. This hiatus in Congressional activity represents valuable time to continue the campaign for votes for the public libraries bill.

Each day brings mail with your letters to and from Members of the House but still many States are not represented in the head count we are making. Unless the House Rules Committee senses widespread and enthusiastic interest in the Library Services and Construction Act, it is not likely to approve the measure for action on the House floor this year. Contact with every single Representative continues, therefore, to be critical. We are much too far advanced to let down now!

Please do not forget to send the Washington Office blind copies of your letters to and from Congressmen as soon as possible. The replies are our best index to how close we are to winning.

Visit Your Congressman While He Is At Home

Except for pro forma meetings the House of Representatives has adjourned until Monday, September 9. Because of this, most Congressmen will be at home, a situation which offers a special opportunity to call upon them and build up enthusiasm for H.R.4879.

A sense of urgency must be created so that the bill will not be lost in the press of major legislation on which action is expected shortly.

For Special Attention

With an estimated 215 to 218 votes needed for House passage, knowledgeable consultants believe that from 50-60 Republican votes, in addition to a great number of Democratic votes, will be required in order to assure the success of H.R.4879. Of great consequence, therefore, is work in the Congressional Districts of leaders such as Representative Charles A. Halleck (R., 2nd Dist., Ind.), House Minority Leader, and Representative Leslie Arends (R., 17th Dist., Ill.), House Minority Whip. These men, together with Republican members of the Rules Committee and other influential Minority Congressmen compose the House Republican Policy Committee, which will have great influence on Republican attitudes toward H.R.4879.

House of Representatives Republican Policy Committee

John W. Byrnes (Wis.), Chairman	Hastings Keith (Mass.)
John B. Anderson (Ill.)	Melvin R. Laird (Wis.)
Leslie C. Arends (Ill.)	Robert McClory (Ill.)
*William H. Avery (Kans.)	Clifford G. McIntire (Maine)
Page Belcher (Okla.)	George Meader (Mich.)
Frances P. Bolton (Ohio)	Arch A. Moore, Jr. (W.Va.)
*Clarence J. Brown (Ohio)	Tom M. Pelly (Wash.)
James T. Broyhill (N.C.)	**Richard H. Poff (Va.)
J. Edgar Chenoweth (Colo.)	John J. Rhodes (Ariz.)
**William C. Cramer (Fla.)	R. Walter Riehlman (N.Y.)
Glenn Cunningham (Neb.)	*Katharine St. George (N.Y.)
Thomas B. Curtis (Mo.)	Don L. Short (N.D.)
**Gerald R. Ford (Mich.)	*H. Allen Smith (Cal.)
James G. Fulton (Pa.)	K. W. (Bill) Stinson (Wash.)
Durward G. Hall (Mo.)	Charles M. Teague (Cal.)
Charles A. Halleck (Ind.)	William B. Widnall (N.J.)
Ralph Harvey (Ind.)	Bob Wilson (Cal.)
*Elmer J. Hoffman (Ill.)	

* Also on Rules Committee

** House Republican Conference: Ford, Chairman; Cramer, V.Chmn.; Poff, Sec..

But All Congressmen Need Attention

To single out the above Members is not to say that others should be neglected. No one can be taken for granted. We need every possible vote.

Representative Fogarty Introduces Identical Bill

Signifying his support for the Library Services and Construction Act, on August 27 Representative John Fogarty (D.,R.I.) introduced H.R.8275, a bill identical to H.R.4879. Mr. Fogarty should be thanked by his constituents for this helpful action.

Letters to Supporters

In corresponding with known supporters such as Representative Fogarty, Representative John H. Dent (D.,Pa.), author of H.R.4879, and other Democratic members of the House Education and Labor Committee who have approved the bill in Committee (See Washington Newsletter, April 30, p.2 for list of Democratic Members), it is important to indicate that you are aware of their endorsement and to urge them to speak in support of the bill when it reaches the House floor. Letters to these Members should be supplemented by facts on library conditions and needs in their Districts which will be useful to them in preparing floor speeches. Please let the Washington Office know what material you are sending.

Senate Letters Also Needed

Consideration in closed session of S.580 by the Senate Subcommittee on Education (See Washington Newsletter, April 30, p.3) is expected shortly. For this reason letters to your Senators asking them to urge the Subcommittee to report favorably S.580, Title VI, Part C, are also extremely important. Since the House has not yet acted on H.R.4879, Senate interest in public library legislation must be maintained.

Good luck and thanks to the many of you who are working vigorously for passage of H.R.4879!

* * * * *