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ESEA Extension

The Senate Human Resources Committee completed markup on May 5 of a five-year extension of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Lacking a quorum on that date, the committee scheduled another meeting for May 9 to formally order the bill (S. 1753) reported. The measure removes the guidance, counseling and testing portion of ESEA IV-B (Libraries and Learning Resources) to a new IV-D, leaving IV-B a consolidation of school library resources and instructional equipment. The bill also moves the program for the gifted and talented from the Special Projects Act to a new IV-E. Further details will be available when the committee issues its report--a process which takes a while for a bill as complex as extension of ESEA. The House Education and Labor Committee, which ordered its version (HR 15) reported April 5, has not yet issued its report although publication is expected this week.

ALA Copyright Subcommittee

The ALA Legislation Committee's Ad Hoc Copyright Subcommittee has entered a new implementation phase, and is now chaired by Nancy H. Marshall, WILS Director, University of Wisconsin Memorial Library, Madison, WI 53706. Ms. Marshall is eager to receive suggestions as to appropriate data and areas which should be covered in the five-year review required by Section 108(i) of the new copyright law (PL 94-553).

The charge of the subcommittee is as follows: To set up and implement a mechanism for monitoring the effects on library services of compliance with the new copyright law, in preparation for the five-year review by the Register of Copyrights. To determine the kinds of data that should be collected for the review and how best to collect them. To serve as liaison with ALA divisions and other units and other library organizations, to receive information, serve as a sounding board and relay information to the Legislation Committee on the various aspects of the copyright law, which are unsettled or on which there is general lack of understanding among librarians. Staff liaison: Eileen D. Cooke, ALA Washington Office, and Mary Jo Lynch, ALA Headquarters, Chicago.

Appropriations, FY 1979

The House Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Dan Flood (D-PA) marked up the FY 1979 Labor-HEW Appropriations bill on May 4. The bill, which will not be assigned a number until it is reported out of the full committee, includes funds for the library programs administered by the Office of Education, plus the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and the National Library of Medicine. Listed below are the subcommittee recommendations for library programs compared with FY 1978 funding and the FY 1979 Carter budget.

	FY 1978 Appropriation	FY 1979 Carter Budget	FY 1979 House Subcommittee
<u>Elementary & Secondary Educ. Act</u>			
Title IV-B, School libraries	\$167,500,000*	\$167,600,000*	\$175,000,000*
<u>Higher Education Act</u>			
Title II-A, College Lib. Resources	9,975,000	-0-	9,975,000
II-B, Training	2,000,000	-0-	2,000,000
II-B, Demonstrations	1,000,000	-0-	1,000,000
II-C, Research Libraries	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
VI-A, Undergrad. Ed. Equip.	7,500,000	-0-	-0-
<u>Library Services & Construction Act</u>			
Title I, Public Library Services	56,900,000	56,900,000	60,000,000
II, Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
III, Interlibrary Cooperation	3,337,000	3,337,000	5,000,000
<u>Medical Library Assistance Act</u>	7,987,000	7,987,000	7,987,000
<u>National Library of Medicine</u>	28,759,000	31,787,000	31,787,000
<u>National Comm. on Lib. & Info. Sci.</u>	563,000	683,000	648,000

*Advanced funded program

The increases in LSCA and the restoration of funds for the HEA II-A and B programs were included in the draft recommendations (the "chairman's mark") considered by the subcommittee. The increase in the ESEA IV-B program was the result of an amendment offered by Rep. Edward Roybal (D-CA). Roybal's constituents should send letters thanking him for his interest in school libraries.

ACTION NEEDED

On the Senate side, the Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee plans to markup the bill later this month, probably before the full House Appropriations Committee takes action. Contact members of the full House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee now to urge adequate funding for the program you know most directly. For instance the House subcommittee recommendation for LSCA I is not sufficient to activate the new urban library provision (PL 95-123) which takes effect when funding exceeds \$60 million, nor is the subcommittee figure sufficient to fund the full \$5,000 basic grant for college libraries under HEA II-A. To do that would require \$12.5 million based on 2,500 institutions eligible to receive a \$5,000 basic grant.

In order to not only retain the House Subcommittee amounts, but to increase them, it is essential that members hear how these programs are working, why additional funds are needed, and what they can be expected to accomplish. The word is out--money is tight. The competition is keen, and the wheels that squeak the loudest are going to get the grease. So don't be faint of heart. Now is the time to reinforce the gains made over the budget. None of the subcommittee figures make up for inflationary erosion of library acquisitions. The March 17 newsletter included on page 1 a table showing the ALA FY 1979 appropriation requests for the above programs. House and Senate Appropriations Committee lists were attached to the same issue.

Department of Education

President Carter's proposals for a separate cabinet-level Department of Education were presented April 14 to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee by Office of Management and Budget Director James T. McIntyre, Jr. The proposed new agency would have a budget of \$17.5 billion and would have as its core HEW's Education Division, including the Office of Education and the National Institute of Education. Also included would be the Department of Agriculture's school lunch program, nutrition education, and the USDA Graduate School; Department of Defense schools; Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs schools and various Indian education programs; the National Science Foundation's school and undergraduate science education programs; Housing and Urban Development's college housing program; and HEW's Head Start.

Carter's proposals have not yet been introduced in bill form, although a similar measure, S. 991, introduced by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-CT) with 52 cosponsors, is pending in Ribicoff's Governmental Affairs Committee and additional hearings have been held on it. The measure is expected to face stiffer opposition in the House where no hearings have yet been scheduled. A separate Department of Education is not unanimously favored by administration officials--HEW Secretary Joseph Califano is known to be opposed. The constituencies of Head Start, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Agriculture are not happy with the inclusion of programs from those areas. Among the programs not contained in the President's plan are USOE's Educational Broadcasting Facilities, veterans' educational benefits, labor training programs, and the arts and humanities endowments. Moving NEA and NEH to the new department would be "reserved for future consideration," however.

Lobbying Disclosure

The House passed on April 26 the Public Disclosure of Lobbying Act of 1978 (HR 8494, H. Rept. 95-1003). The bill would require organizations which spend more than \$2,500 in a quarter to influence legislation by hiring a lobbyist or assigning one employee for 13 days or two employees for 7 days to make lobbying communications, to register with the Comptroller General and file quarterly reports on their expenditures and main lobbying issues. Lobbying communications would include oral or written communications with members of Congress or Congressional staff members. Adopted on the floor were amendments requiring disclosure of grass roots solicitations made by paid advertisements or written solicitations to 500 or more persons, 100 or more employees, 25 or more officers, or 12 or more affiliates; and requiring disclosure of other organizations contributing \$3,000 or more per year for lobbying purposes.

Postal Packaging Regulations

The Postal Service issued a final rule establishing packaging requirements in the February 7 Federal Register, pp. 4988-98. The rule includes both mandatory requirements and suggested guidelines on how to properly package and mark parcels. All libraries which send packages of books or other materials through the mails should check the new requirements.

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* Grants - Solar Heating Demonstrations *

* The celebration of Sun Day on May 3 makes this an appropriate time to describe the solar heating demonstration grants authorized by the Solar Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Act (PL 93-473) and administered by the Department of Energy. The program is intended to demonstrate the feasibility of currently available solar engineering systems, and involves sharing the costs of installing solar heating/cooling and hot water systems that utilize new technical developments and that can be marketed for consumers in the near future. Library buildings are among those eligible for grants covering about 1/3 of the incremental cost of the solar system above the cost of the project without a solar system. Both new buildings and renovations are eligible.

* The program consists of four cycles for purposes of granting awards. Cycles I and II included several public libraries. Cycle III awards (for which applications are closed) will be made in the early summer of 1978. Fiscal year 1978 funding was \$9 million. Applications for Cycle IV (the last one unless Congress extends the program) should be available in October. No solar system under construction at the time grants are awarded will be considered. Grants are expected to be an average of \$156,000. DOE would prefer to fund more smaller, less expensive projects in Cycles III and IV. Applications for Cycle IV (which is dependent upon FY 1979 appropriations) will be available from: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Office of Procurement Operations, Mail Station 206-RB, Railway Labor Building, Room 206, 400 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20545.

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STATUS OF LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO LIBRARIANS 95th Congress, 2nd Session Convened January 19, 1978 Chart Date May 5, 1978	HOUSE					SENATE					FINAL ACTION		
	Introduced	Hearings Reported by Subcommittee	Committee Report Number	Floor Action		Introduced	Hearings Reported by Subcommittee	Committee Report Number	Floor Action		Conference Report	Final Passage	Public Law
Age Discrimination in Employment	HR 5383	X X	527	X		S 1784	X X	493	X		950	X	PL 95-256
Arts & Humanities-White House Conferences	HJ Res 649	X X	887	X		HJ Res 649		736	X		none	X	PL 95-272
CETA Extension	HR 11086	X X				S 2570, 2435	X X						
Civil Service Reform	HR 11280	X				S 2640							
College Libraries Act	HR 10541												
Congressional Budget Ceilings-FY 1979	H Con Res 559	X	1055			S Con Res 80	X	739	X				
Criminal Code Revision	HR 6869	X				S 1437	X	605	X				
Depository Libraries-Law Schools	HR 8358	X X	650	X		S 1258		670	X		none	X	PL 95-261
Education-separate Cabinet department	various					S 991	X						
Elem. & Sec. Ed. Act (administration's bill)	HR 11282					S 2675							
Elem. & Sec. Education Act extension	HR 15	X X				S 1753	X X						
Energy Conservation-schools, local gvt. bldgs	HR 8444	X	543	X		HR 5037	X	409	X				
Federal Employees Grade Retention Benefits	HR 9279	X	994										
Handicapped access-cost studies	HR 11333												
LC Madison Bldg.-additional funds	HR 12342	X X											
Lobbying-Disclosure	HR 8494	X X	1003	X		S 1785	X						
Medical Library Assistance Act extension	HR 12347	X X				S 2450	X X						
Nat'l Arch. Barriers Awareness Week	HJ Res 578		918	X		HJ Res 578		727	X		none	X	PL 95-267
Nat'l Science Foundation authorization	HR 11400	X X	993	X		S 2549	X X						
Postal Service Act of 1977	HR 7700	X X	808	X									
Presidential Papers	HR 10998	X				S 2596							
Public Broadcasting Financing Act	HR 12021	X X				S 2883, 2901	X						
Public Works Employment extension	HR 11610												
Rehabilitation Act extension	HR 12467	X				S 2600	X X						
Sex Discrimination (pregnancy disability)	HR 6075	X	948			S 995	X						
Tax Credit-artistic & literary donations	HR 9325					S 1384							
<u>Appropriations</u>													
Supplemental FY 1978	HR 9375	X X	644	X		HR 9375	X X	564	X		812	X	PL 95-240

For bills, reports & laws write: House & Senate Doc. Rms., U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20515 & 20510 respectively.