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Appropriations, FY 1980

The House Appropriations Committee marked up the Labor-HEW appropriations bill on June 6. (The bill number and report number will be assigned momentarily.) The committee did not change any of the amounts recommended for library programs by its Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee chaired by Rep. William Natcher (D-KY). However, the subcommittees's figures had not been released since its closed markup session on May 16. Listed below are the amounts approved by the Appropriations Committee for library programs compared with FY 1979 funding and the FY 1980 Carter budget.

	<u>FY 1979</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>FY 1980</u> <u>Carter Budget</u>	<u>FY '80 House</u> <u>Committee</u>
<u>Elementary & Secondary Educ. Act</u>			
Title IV-B, School libraries	\$180,000,000*	\$149,600,000*	\$162,000,000*
IV-D, Guid., Coun., Testing	-0-	18,000,000	18,000,000
<u>Higher Education Act</u>			
Title II-A, College libraries	9,975,000	-0-	9,975,000
II-B, Training, Demon.	3,000,000	-0-	1,000,000
II-C, Research libraries	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
VI-A, Undergrad. Ed. Equip.	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>Library Services & Construction Act</u>			
Title I, Public Library Services	62,500,000	56,900,000	62,500,000
II, Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-
III, Interlibrary Cooperation	5,000,000	3,337,000	5,000,000
Medical Library Assistance Act	8,987,000	8,625,000	8,625,000
National Library of Medicine	32,444,000	32,806,000	33,806,000
Nat'l Commis. Lib. & Info. Science	660,000	668,000	668,000

*Advance funded program

For most major library programs administered by OE's Office of Libraries and Learning Resources, the committee ignored the President's budget and restored funding to the FY 1979 level--with the notable exception of the HEA II-B library training and demonstration program which received only \$1 million, a \$2 million cut from the

current year. Although the statute clearly states that two-thirds of the II-B funds are to go for training and one-third for research and demonstrations, the committee apparently intended the \$1 million for training only. The committee report states:

For the library training program authorized under title II-B of the Higher Education Act, the Committee recommends \$1,000,000 to continue existing graduate and undergraduate fellowship support. The budget proposed to terminate this program along with the library demonstration program. There continues to be a need for trained librarians from disadvantaged and minority backgrounds.

For the ESEA IV-B school library program, the committee accepted the administration proposal to transfer \$18 million from IV-B to the new IV-D guidance, counseling and testing program authorized by the Education Amendments of 1978 (PL 95-561), but did not go along with the further cut proposed for IV-B.

ACTION NEEDED: The Senate Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee is expected to make its recommendations on these programs quite soon. It is urgent that supporters of the HEA II-B library training and demonstration program make phone calls or send mailgrams to Senate subcommittee members (see March 14 newsletter for list) urging that II-B funds be restored to the FY 1979 level of \$3 million. This may be the only chance to remedy the House committee action.

Appropriations, FY 1980, Library of Congress

The recommendations of the House Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee, which had approved only \$177.5 million of \$193 million requested by the Library of Congress for FY 1980, were upheld by the full Appropriations Committee on June 6. As approved by the committee in the FY 1980 Legislative Appropriations bill, the LC funding recommendations would mean fewer books purchased, a reduction in services to the blind and handicapped, and no growth for the Copyright Office. In fact, three existing positions in the Copyright Office would be cut, and the office library discontinued after the Copyright Office moves into the Madison building and has access to LC's law library and other collections. "Operation of an additional library at the same location would be superfluous and duplicative," according to the committee report. The report also suggests the Library "de-emphasize its traveling exhibit program." (The bill and report numbers had not yet been assigned.)

ACTION NEEDED: Librarians concerned about cuts in the LC budget recommendations, especially the \$2.6 million cut from Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, should contact Sen. James Sasser (D-TN), Chairman of the Senate Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee, which will mark up its version of the bill shortly.

Appropriations, FY 1979 Supplemental

The House passed HR 4289, a bill making supplemental appropriations for FY 1979, on June 6. Included in the bill is \$413,000 to GPO's Superintendent of Documents for the depository law libraries, \$567,000 less than requested. The Appropriations Committee's report (H. Rept. 96-227) indicates that any remaining need can be financed through internal reprogramming.

Congress passed a measure last year (PL 95-261) allowing libraries of accredited law schools to become depository libraries. Due to a shortage of funds, implementation of the law was recently halted except for those law libraries which had already begun to receive depository materials. If additional funding is also approved by the Senate, implementation could continue.

The report on the bill indicates the Appropriations Committee did not approve bill language requested by the administration to transfer \$18 million from the ESEA IV-B school library program to the new IV-D guidance, counseling and testing program. According to the report:

The authorization existing at the time the Committee considered these programs, and under which the appropriation bill was enacted, provide consolidated grants for school library and instructional resources-- including guidance, counseling, and testing. The Committee finds no compelling reason to amend the 1979 appropriation bill to conform to a subsequent change in the authorizing legislation. The purposes of all programs involved can best be served by allocating consolidated grants to the States under the authority of Title IV-B as it existed at the time the 1979 appropriation bill was enacted.

Title 44 Revision

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Revision of Title 44 transmitted its report to the Joint Committee on Printing on May 23. Single copies of the report, Federal Government Printing and Publishing: Policy Issues, are available from the JCP, Room S-151, U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20510. Fifteen organizations, including ALA, designated representatives to participate in the Advisory Committee's deliberations which spanned 13 weeks. The sessions were not intended to produce specific legislative recommendations but to identify issues to assist in JCP's effort to revise Title 44 covering government printing and binding and the depository library system. The Advisory Committee's report "is designed to present a better understanding of the Government's system of printing and distributing information, and to highlight problems, alternatives, and important policy questions." It is expected that a Title 44 revision bill will be introduced the week of June 18 and that hearings will begin in July.

Congressional Budget Resolution

Reacting to House objections to and defeat of the conference report (H. Rept. 96-211) on H. Con. Res. 107, the first congressional budget resolution for FY 1980, the Senate on May 23 agreed to add an extra \$350 million in spending authority for Function 500 (education, training and social services programs) beyond the original House-Senate conference agreement. The House agreed to the Senate modification on May 24, clearing the measure, which now serves as an overall budget target for Congress.

Public Telecommunications Facilities Regs

Final regulations for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program were published in the May 29 Federal Register (pp. 30898-921). The regulations implement the provisions of the Public Telecommunications Financing Act of 1979 (PL 95-567) which broadened the scope of the former Educational Broadcasting Facilities Program and transferred it from HEW to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in the Department of Commerce. Eligibility for grants now includes states, localities and nonprofit educational and cultural organizations, with special emphasis given to applications which would increase participation of women and minorities. The regulations, effective May 29, spell out eligibility requirements, application procedures, and priorities among applications. The program objectives, in order of priority, are 1) to provide new facilities to extend service to unreached areas, 2) to expand service areas of existing entities, and 3) to improve the capabilities of existing stations. Current applicants will receive copies of the regulations and will have 45 days from June 4 (this year's deadline) within which to amend their applications should they wish to do so.

Postal Rates and Regs

Step 8 of the phased postal rate increases for fourth-class book and library rates will take effect on July 6, 1979. The prices now in effect for these rates are shown in the first column in the table below as "Step 7." The new "Step 8" rates in the second column represent increases ranging from 18 to 25 percent.

Permanent Phased Rate Increases in Cents
(Each step begins on July 6 of the indicated year)

	<u>Step and Year</u>									
	<u>7</u> <u>'78</u>	<u>8</u> <u>'79</u>	<u>9</u> <u>'80</u>	<u>10</u> <u>'81</u>	<u>11</u> <u>'82</u>	<u>12</u> <u>'83</u>	<u>13</u> <u>'84</u>	<u>14</u> <u>'85</u>	<u>15</u> <u>'86</u>	<u>16</u> <u>'87</u>
<u>Library Rate</u>										
First pound	14.0	17.0	19	22	25	27	30	33	35	38
Each addit. lb.										
thru 7 lbs.	5.0	6.0	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13
Each addit. lb.	4.0	5.0	5	5	6	6	6	6	7	7
<u>Book Rate</u>										
First pound										
Single piece	48.0	59.0								
5-digit presort	42.6	52.0								
3-digit presort	44.7	55.0								
Each addit. lb.										
thru 7 lbs.	18.0	22.0								
Each addit. lb.	11.0	13.0								

July 15 is the effective date for new size standards for envelopes, cards and other pieces of mail, and a 7-cent surcharge for oversized and odd-shaped mail. After that date items will be nonmailable if less than 3½ inches high, 5 inches long or seven-thousandths (.007) of an inch thick. The 7-cent surcharge will apply to first class mail weighing one ounce or less and single piece third-class mail of two ounces or less exceeding any of the following dimensions: 6-1/8" high, 11-1/2" long or 1/4" thick.

ESEA V State Leadership Regs

Proposed regulations to implement the state leadership programs authorized by title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act were published in the May 14 Federal Register (pp. 28258-63). Title V, as authorized by the Education Amendments of 1978 (PL 95-561), has two parts. Title V-A is a program for the consolidated SEA administration of ESEA I and IV programs, including the IV-B school library program. If there is no specific appropriation for the program, SEAs administer I and IV separately with administrative funds from each program. Title V-B is a program to strengthen state educational leadership and assist SEAs in identifying and meeting critical educational needs. If there is no direct appropriation, funding will be available from ESEA IV-C.

Comments on the proposed regs are due by July 13 to Dr. David G. Phillips, Division of State Educational Assistance Programs, USOE, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., (ROB-3, Room 3010), Washington, D.C. 20202 (202/245-2495). In addition, public meetings will be held in each of the ten HEW regional cities on June 19. Contact the regional commissioner for information.

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Legislation Related Program Meetings

Sunday 6/24, 2:00-5:30 p.m.
Adolphus Hotel, Rose/North Rose Room ALA White House Conference Planning Committee
ALA Delegate Roundup

Sunday 6/24, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Dallas Convention Center Theatre ACRL Sections & Legis. Com./ALA Legis. Com.
The National Periodicals Center--an
Overview and Reactions

Monday 6/25, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Dallas Convention Center Rm. S411 ALA Legislation Committee
Information Update - information on major
legislative proposals WHCLIS delegates may
consider, with speakers:

Overview of WHC Marilyn K. Gell, WHCLIS Director
ALA Issues for WHC Alice Ihrig, Chair, ALA WHC Planning Com.
COSLA Legislative Proposal William G. Asp, COSLA President
National Library Act Proposal Whitney North Seymour, Jr., Secretary,
National Citizens Emergency Committee to
Save Our Public Libraries

Title 44 Revision Francis J. Buckley, Jr., ALA Representative
to Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Revision
of Title 44 to the Joint Committee on
Printing

Communications Act Revision Frank Norwood, Executive Secretary, Joint
Council on Educational Telecommunications

National Periodicals Center Robert R. McClarren, Chair, NCLIS National
Periodicals Advisory Committee

Higher Education Act Revision Dick Hays, Associate Commissioner/Director
USOE Office of Libraries & Learning
Resources

Tuesday 6/26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dallas Convention Center Rm. S414 LITA Legislation Committee
Communication Channels, the Lawmaker & You--
Who's Making the Decisions that Affect Your
Future:

Moderator: Carol Hilewick, Telecommunications Application Specialist, NTIA
Speakers: Micheal Cavanagh, Staff Asst., House Postal Operations & Services
Subcommittee
Dr. Elizabeth Young, President, Public Service Satellite Consortium
Dr. Mark Johnson, Chair, Communications Dept., Mt. Vernon College
Workshop at 11:30 on criteria for evaluating legislation or regulations
Moderator: LeRoy Tavares, Tucson Media Corporation

Tuesday 6/26, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Dallas Conv. Ctr. Parquet Ballroom ALA Legislation Committee/Copyright Subcom.
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