

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives has issued a Press Release announcing Tentative Decisions to date on Tax Reform Subjects under date of May 27, 1969; and

WHEREAS, a review of these announced tentative decisions indicates that certain of them would do irreparable damage to the capacity of the American Library Association to promote the public interest through its activities in support of improved libraries, librarianship and education; and

WHEREAS, the Association has been advised by various reputable and responsible foundations which have supported its activities in behalf of libraries, librarianship and education that enactment of a law comporting with these tentative decisions could deprive the Association of their future support

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Association be placed on record as supporting the objectives of the tax reform proposed by the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives to the extent those objectives involve the elimination of self dealing by tax exempt organizations and the imposition of appropriate sanctions for such misconduct.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Association be placed on record as opposing the tax reform proposed insofar as such reform:

a. fails to exclude from the definition of a private foundation an organization exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code which (1) receives a substantial part of its support from its members, (2) invites the general public to become members and participate in its management and deliberations, and (3) carries on the activities constituting the exempt purpose for which it is organized and operated;

b. imposes restrictions on private foundations which would deprive them of the capacity to fulfill their legitimate functions in support of the public.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a special committee be established from the members of the Executive Board and vested with such interim authority as may be required to implement the foregoing Resolutions.

Adopted by the Committee on Legislation
American Library Association

Atlantic City, New Jersey
June 24, 1969