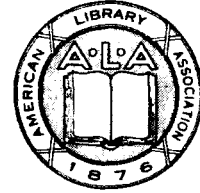


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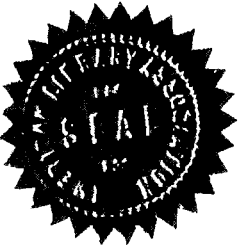
## RETENTION OF FCC FAIRNESS DOCTRINE

WHEREAS, There is a strong possibility that a bill similar to Senator Packwood's FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT which died in committee in the 98th Congress, will be introduced in the 99th Congress; and

WHEREAS, The general subject of such a bill will probably encompass deregulation of the broadcast media and involve repeal of the Fairness Doctrine and the Equal Time provision; and

WHEREAS, These provisions protect the First and Fourteenth Amendment rights of the public and are intended to assure access to information as well as diversity of viewpoints; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association take a position against deregulation of the broadcast media and the repeal of the Fairness Doctrine including the Equal Time provision.



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