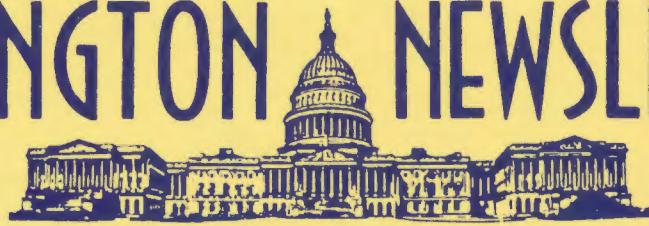




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Appropriations, FY 1980

On June 27, by a vote of 327 to 84, the House passed the FY 1980 Labor-HEW Appropriations bill, HR 4389. No changes were made in the amounts for library programs recommended by the House Appropriations Committee. The House did accept an amendment by Rep. Robert Michel (R-IL) reducing HEW appropriations by \$500 million to be achieved by reducing fraud, abuse, and waste, but defeated an amendment by Rep. Clarence Miller (R-OH) which would have made a 2 percent across-the-board cut.

Earlier, on June 15, the Senate Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee met to make its recommendations on education and library program funding. The results are shown in the table below which compares the Senate subcommittee action with the House-passed bill, the Carter budget, and last year's funding.

	FY 1979 <u>Appropriation</u>	FY 1980 <u>Carter Budget</u>	FY '80 House <u>Bill</u>	FY '80 Senate <u>Subcommittee</u>
ESEA IV-B School Libs.	\$180,000,000*	\$149,600,000*	\$162,000,000*	\$180,000,000*
IV-D Guidance, etc.	-0-	18,000,000*	18,000,000*	18,000,000*
HEA II-A College Libs.	9,975,000	-0-	9,975,000	-0-
II-B Training	2,000,000	-0-	1,000,000	1,000,000
II-B Demonstrations	1,000,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
II-C Research Libs.	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
LSCA I Pub. Lib. Serv.	62,500,000	56,900,000	62,500,000	62,500,000
II Construction	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
III Interlib. Coop.	5,000,000	3,337,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Medical Lib. Asst. Act	8,987,000	8,625,000	8,625,000	8,625,000
Nat'l. Lib. of Medicine	32,444,000	32,806,000	33,806,000	44,000,000
NCLIS	660,000	668,000	668,000	668,000

*Advance funded program

The subcommittee's recommendation of zero funding for the Higher Education Act title II-A College Library Resources program was unexpected, and apparently stems from Chairman Warren Magnuson's (D-WA) feeling that the legislation should be changed

to focus on the really needy colleges. Magnuson complained that the program provides "only about \$3,000" to every institution, the "Harvards" as well as the small colleges. The other program not restored to last year's level is HEA II-B--both the House-passed bill and the Senate subcommittee provide only \$1 million for library training and no funding at all for library demonstrations.

For the Elementary and Secondary Education Act title IV-B school library program the subcommittee provided an increase over the House amount, to \$180 million. Like the House, they provided \$18 million for the new ESEA IV-D guidance, counseling and testing program. School library/media specialists should thank Sen. Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-MD), and subcommittee Chair Warren Magnuson (D-WA) for the increase in funding for school library resources.

ACTION NEEDED: The full Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to act on HR 4389, the FY 1980 Labor-HEW Appropriations bill, about mid-July. Subcommittee Chair Warren Magnuson is also chair of the full committee. He is usually a library supporter, but in this year of budgetary restraint, he and his subcommittee cut many other education programs as well. Magnuson's constituents should express their disappointment at the action on HEA II-A and II-B, and remind him of the worth of these two programs. Supporters of either program should call or mailgram Magnuson or other Appropriations Committee members to urge that funding be restored to the FY 1979 level. (See committee list attached to March 14 newsletter.) Or contact your own Senators immediately and ask them to relay your request to Sen. Magnuson. This is about the last chance to influence II-B funding; if not increased at the Senate full committee level, it will not even be a bargaining item in the conference committee which will later reconcile differences between the House and Senate bills.

Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions

Proposed regulations to implement the President's Standby Conservation Plan No. 2, Emergency Building Temperature Restrictions, were published in the June 1 Federal Register (pp. 31922-38). For nonresidential buildings the plan mandates thermostat settings of 65°F maximum for heating and 80°F minimum for cooling except to lower the room dew-point temperature to 67°F. Enforcement would be by self-certification, but violations could be subject to court action. ALA has responded to the Dept. of Energy requesting that libraries and archives be specifically mentioned as examples of spaces which could be exempt because "special environmental conditions are required to protect...materials or processes." The upper temperature and humidity limits could increase the rate of deterioration of library materials. Final regulations are expected to be published about July 5, and may become effective immediately.

Title 44 Revision

Bills revising Title 44 of the U.S. Code covering government printing and document distribution have been introduced in the House and Senate. Rep. Frank Thompson, Jr. (D-NJ), Chair of the Joint Committee on Printing and also Chair of the House Administration Committee, introduced HR 4572 on June 21; Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI), Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Printing and Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, introduced S. 1436 on June 27. Hearings begin on July 10, when ALA witnesses are scheduled to testify. Attached to this newsletter is the text of a resolution on revision of Title 44 passed by ALA Council at the annual conference last month in Dallas.

RESOLUTION ON REVISION OF TITLE 44, PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, The federal government collects, compiles and produces information on every subject which pertains to life in our society, and

WHEREAS, Free access to government information is crucial to informed public decision making in a democratic society, and

WHEREAS, Libraries, including depository libraries, play a significant role in making this information available to the public, and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress is presently engaged in a comprehensive review of the U.S. Code, Title 44, "Public Printing and Documents," with the stated purpose of providing for improved administration of public printing services of public documents, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Library Association reaffirm that:

1. There is a need for a national agency to provide a system of free, equal, effective and efficient distribution to depository libraries which permits full and free access to government publications in all formats including print, microform, machine-readable data files, audio and visual presentations or other means of information transfer
2. There is a need for comprehensive bibliographic control of government publications
3. There is need for a system of regional and selective depository libraries through which government information can be made available to the public
4. There is a need for a comprehensive current and retrospective collection of government-produced publications to serve depository libraries and the public as a source for reference and referral service, interlibrary loan, photoduplications and telefacsimile or other transmission systems
5. There is a need for a comprehensive centralized or coordinated sales program to offer on a cost recovery basis all government publications in whatever format, without pricing basic documents so high that non-profit libraries are unable to continue acquiring them for use by the public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Library Association convey these positions to the U.S. Congress and encourage American Library Association chapters and members to support legislation necessary to implement them.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
Dallas, Texas, June 28, 1979

STATUS OF LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO LIBRARIANS 96th Congress, 1st Session Convened January 15, 1979 Chart Date: June 29, 1979	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 Action	Public Law	
Arts & Humanities Endowments ext.					S 1386	X							
Communications Act Revision	HR 3333	X			S 611, 622	X							
Congressional Budget Targets-FY 1980	H Con Res 107	X	95	X	S Con Res 22	X	68	X	211	X			
Department of Education	HR 2444	X	143		S 210	X	49	X					
Higher Education Act extension		X											
HEA I revision	HR 4531	X											
HEA 1-year extension & tech. amendments	HR 4476				S 1350								
LC Madison Bldg-auth. addit. funds	HR 3846	X											
Literacy Commission	HJ Res 316				SJ Res 70								
Lobbying Disclosure	HR 4395	X											
LSCA-maintenance of effort	HR 4271												
NHPRC extension	HR 3923	X	X	141	X								
Nat'l. Com.-Info. Technology in Education	HR 4326												
National Library Act					S 1124								
National Science Foundation Authorization	HR 2729	X	X	61	X	S 527	X	X	106	X			
Postal Reform Act of 1979	HR 79	X	X	126									
Privacy Legislation	HR 2465 et al				S 865, 867								
Revenue Sharing extension	HR 2291	X			S 513, 263								
Small Community Lib. Services Asst. Act	HR 4234												
Taxation-artistic & literary donations	HR 2498				S 1078								
Taxation-Independent Research Libraries	HR 2179				S 1094								
Taxation-nonprofit organizations	HR 990, 1710												
Title 44 revision	HR 4572				S 1436								
Urban Universities	HR 3181												
<u>Appropriations</u>													
Supplemental FY 1979	HR 4289	X	X	227	X	HR 4289	X	X	224	X			
HUD & Independent Agencies FY 1980	HR 4394	X	X	249	X	HR 4394	X						
Interior & Related Agencies FY 1980	no # yet	X					X						
Labor-HEW FY 1980	HR 4389	X	X	244	X	HR 4389	X	X					
Legislative Branch FY 1980	HR 4390	X	X	245		HR 4390	X						
State, Justice, Commerce FY 1980	HR 4392	X	X	247		HR 4392	X						
Treasury, Postal Service FY 1980	HR 4393	X	X	248		HR 4393	X						

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