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## U R G E N T !

### H.R. 874 PASSES RULES COMMITTEE

The Library Demonstration Bill, H.R. 874, was granted a rule by the powerful Rules Committee yesterday, February 20. Mr. Madden, who introduced the bill, reports that he is asking Majority Leader McCormack (D., Mass.) to bring it up for debate on the floor of the House immediately, probably this week.\*

### WHAT TO DO

This is it! The climax of four long years of work! Will you get citizen and organization support - telegrams, letters, long distance calls - to Congressmen at once stating the need for the bill. The Congressmen want to hear from non-librarian constituents because they feel that librarians may have a selfish interest in getting the bill passed. Hence a telegram or letter from you as a librarian is not enough.

### S. 130 SENATE BILL

We hope to get S. 130 (the Senate version of H.R. 874) voted on in the Senate NEXT WEEK. So when you are getting citizen and organization support for H.R. 874 with the Representatives, get support for S. 130 with the Senators from your state.

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Everything now depends on you - on the letters and telegrams and telephone calls that come to the Congressmen from their constituents.

If you believe in the bill, if your citizens and organizations believe in it, NOW IS THE TIME for them to tell their Congressmen.

Please keep your Washington office informed of anything we should know to assist matters here.

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### SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

These are some of the organizations which have nationally endorsed the bill. Will you make sure of their state and local support? You may be able to contact other local organizations as well.

The Grange  
American Farm Bureau  
General Federation of Women's Clubs  
Farmers Union

P.T.A.  
Amvets  
American Association of University  
Women

\*Latest information today indicates that the bill may not come up until next week, which gives you time over the weekend to get additional support. This means that letters mailed this week can arrive in time.