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**National Library
Legislative Day 1998**
Washington, D.C.

ALA American Library Association

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Pocket Checklist

Know your legislator

Review this checklist before contacting your legislator. Take it with you on visits. The more you know about a particular legislator, the more effective you can be.

Name of legislator:

Political party: Democrat Republican Other

Ideology: Liberal Conservative Mixed

Date first elected:

State (and legislative district) represented:

Key characteristics of district:

Rural Urban Mixed
 University Business/labor

Key supporters:

Legislative positions:

a. Committee, subcommittee memberships (list names):

b. Committees or subcommittees chaired:

c. Public position on libraries:

Personal connection to libraries:

Staff contact:

Personal notes:



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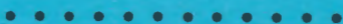
IAWG...

Working to revise Title 44 of the U.S. Code to enhance current and future public access to government information in all formats.

American Association of Law Libraries • American Library Association • Association of Research Libraries • Chief Officers of State Library Agencies • Medical Library Association • Special Libraries Association • Urban Libraries Council

Inter-Association Working Group on Government Information Policy

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Goals of the IAWG
legislative proposal to
revise Title 44, Chapter 19
of the U.S. Code:

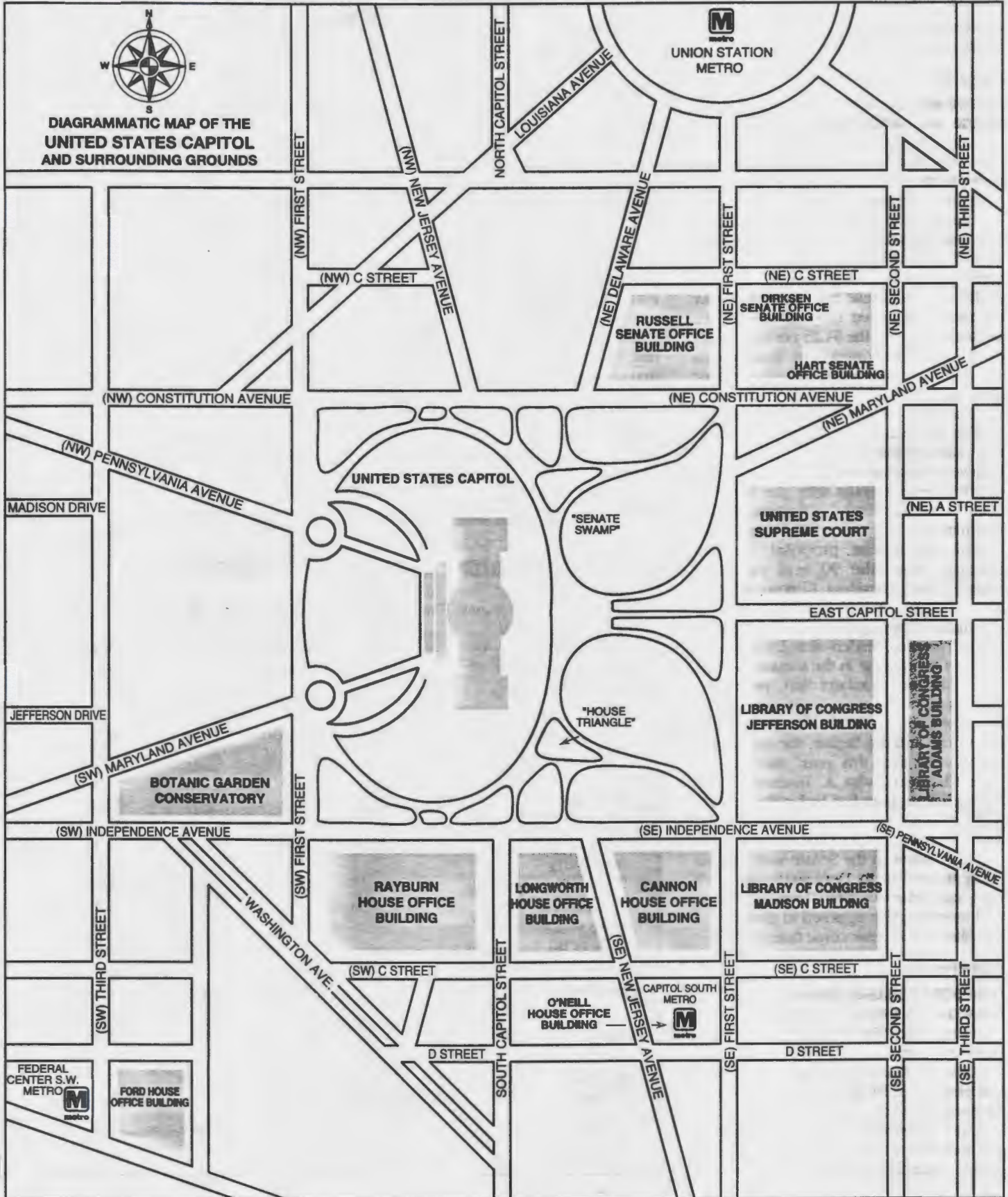
- *To enhance public access to government information in all formats from all three branches of government.*
- *To strengthen the Federal Depository Library Program to improve public access to government information.*
- *To ensure the public has continuous and permanent access to electronic government information.*



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EVALUATION *Briefing Day, Monday, May 4, 1998*

Each participant should fill out a separate form. Please complete and leave with ALA Washington Office staff, or mail, fax, or e-mail to the ALA Washington Office. Thank you.

Name _____ E-mail _____
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City, State, ZIP _____

PART I: Briefing Session

Please rank the following aspects of Briefing Day using the following numbers:

1 = above satisfactory; 2 = satisfactory; 3 = unsatisfactory; 4 = hold no opinion

Please feel free to add additional comments, criticisms and/or suggestions.

Location of briefing: 1 2 3 4

Format of briefing: 1 2 3 4

Length of briefing: 1 2 3 4

Content of presentations: 1 2 3 4

Printed materials provided by the ALA Washington Office: 1 2 3 4

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PART II: Briefing Materials and Preparation

Please answer the following questions to help the ALA Washington Office improve materials for next year's Briefing Day.

How did you learn about Briefing Day?

Were the materials provided by the ALA Washington Office informative?

Were the materials provided by the ALA Washington Office visually pleasing?

If you researched the issues before attending this briefing, where did you find your information?

Have you visited the ALA Washington Office Web site at <http://www.ala.org/washoff> ? If so, was it useful and informative?

Other comments, criticisms and/or suggestions?

Thank you!

(Attach additional pages for further comments.)

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

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LOCAL LIBRARY SUPPORTERS VISIT CONGRESS

Jane Adams, John Jones, and Greg Smith participated in the American Library Association's 24th annual National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., on May 4-5.

The group, representing Kansas, met with members of the Kansas Congressional delegation to seek support for library legislation now pending in Congress. John Jones said the local group also saw their own representative, Gary Donovan, of the fourth Congressional District.

According to Jones, American Library Association members from across the nation use this event to stress the importance of annual library appropriations and legislation now pending on Capitol Hill.

"Libraries need continued federal support for changing technology if we are to keep pace with the rapid growth in library use," Jones said. "Although our library receives much of its support from state and local funds, federal assistance stimulates local dollars and helps stretch them further."

Jones said that with federal aid, the Mead Library (Oxbow, Kansas) was able to retrofit the 1918 building to allow handicapped access as well as to provide for wiring for computer systems. (Use local examples of federal funds used for library projects)

The American Library Association members include more than 57,000 librarians, trustees, friends of libraries, and others interested in improving library service.

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Name	Room	Phone	FAX
Alabama			
Senator Richard C. Shelby (R)	110 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5744	202-224-3416
Senator Jeff Sessions (R)	495 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4124	202-224-3149
Representative Sonny Callahan (R-1)	2418 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4931	202-225-0562
Representative Terry Everett (R-2)	208 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2901	202-225-8913
Representative Bob Riley (R-3)	510 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3261	202-225-5827
Representative Robert B. Aderholt (R-4)	1007 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4876	202-225-5587
Representative Robert E. Cramer, Jr. (D-5)	2416 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4801	202-225-4392
Representative Spencer T. Bachus, III (R-6)	442 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4921	202-225-2082
Representative Earl F. Hilliard (D-7)	1314 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2665	202-226-0772
Alaska			
Senator Ted Stevens (R)	522 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3004	202-224-2354
Senator Frank H. Murkowski (R)	322 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6665	202-224-5301
Representative Don Young (R-1)	2111 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5765	202-225-0425
Arizona			
Senator Jon Kyl (R)	724 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4521	202-228-1239
Senator John McCain (R)	241 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2235	202-228-2862
Representative Matthew Salmon (R-1)	115 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2635	202-225-3405
Representative Ed Pastor (D-2)	2465 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4065	202-225-1655
Representative Bob Stump (R-3)	211 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4576	202-225-6328
Representative John Shadegg (R-4)	430 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3361	202-225-3462
Representative Jim Kolbe (R-5)	205 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2542	
Representative J.D. Hayworth (R-6)	1023 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2190	202-225-3263
Arkansas			
Senator Tim Hutchinson (R)	245 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2353	
Senator Dale Bumpers (D)	229 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4843	202-224-6435
Representative Marion Berry (D-1)	1407 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4076	202-225-5602
Representative Vic Snyder (D-2)	1319 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2506	202-225-5903
Representative Asa Hutchinson (R-3)	1535 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4301	202-225-5713
Representative Jay Dickey (R-4)	2453 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3772	202-225-1314
California			
Senator Dianne Feinstein (D)	331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3841	202-228-3954
Senator Barbara Boxer (D)	112 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3553	202-228-0026
Representative Frank Riggs (R-1)	1714 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3311	202-225-3403
Representative Wally Herger (R-2)	2433 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3076	
Representative Vic Fazio (D-3)	2113 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5716	202-225-5141
Representative John T. Doolittle (R-4)	1526 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2511	202-225-5444
Representative Robert T. Matsui (D-5)	2308 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-7163	202-225-0566
Representative Lynn C. Woolsey (D-6)	439 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5161	202-225-5163
Representative George Miller (D-7)	2205 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2095	202-225-5609
Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-8)	2457 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4965	202-225-8259
Representative Barbara Lee (D-9)	2108 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2661	202-225-9817
Representative Ellen O. Tauscher (D-10)	1440 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-1880	202-225-5914
Representative Richard W. Pombo (R-11)	1519 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-1947	202-226-0861
Representative Tom Lantos (D-12)	2217 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3531	202-225-7900
Representative Fortney Pete Stark (D-13)	239 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5065	202-226-3805
Representative Anna G. Eshoo (D-14)	308 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-8104	202-225-8890
Representative Tom Campbell (R-15)	2442 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2631	202-225-6788
Representative Zoe Lofgren (D-16)	318 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3072	202-225-3336
Representative Sam Farr (D-17)	1117 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2861	202-225-6791
Representative Gary A. Condit (D-18)	2245 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6131	202-225-0819
Representative George P. Radanovich (R-19)	213 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4540	202-225-3402
Representative Calvin M. Dooley (D-20)	1201 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3341	202-225-9308
Representative William M. Thomas (R-21)	2208 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2915	202-225-8798
Representative Lois Capps (D-22)	1118 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3601	202-225-5632
Representative Elton Gallegly (R-23)	2427 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5811	202-225-1100
Representative Brad Sherman (D-24)	1524 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5911	202-225-5879
Representative Howard P. McKeon (R-25)	307 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-1956	202-226-0683
Representative Howard L. Berman (D-26)	2330 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4695	202-225-3196
Representative James E. Rogan (R-27)	502 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4176	202-225-5828
Representative David Dreier (R-28)	237 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2305	202-225-7018
Representative Henry A. Waxman (D-29)	2204 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3976	202-225-4099
Representative Xavier Becerra (D-30)	1119 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6235	202-225-2202
Representative Matthew G. Martinez (D-31)	2234 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5464	202-225-5467
Representative Julian C. Dixon (D-32)	2252 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-7084	202-225-4091
Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-33)	2435 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-1766	202-226-0350
Representative Esteban Torres (D-34)	2269 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5256	202-225-9711
Representative Maxine Waters (D-35)	2344 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2201	202-225-7854
Representative Jane Harman (D-36)	325 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-8220	202-226-0684
Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-37)	419 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7924	202-225-7926
Representative Stephen Horn (R-38)	438 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6676	202-226-1012

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California (cont'd)			
Representative Edward R. Royce (R-39)	1133 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4111	202-226-0335
Representative Jerry Lewis (R-40)	2112 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5861	202-225-6498
Representative Jay Kim (R-41)	227 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3201	202-226-1485
Representative George E. Brown, Jr. (D-42)	2300 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6161	202-225-8671
Representative Ken Calvert (R-43)	1034 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-1986	202-225-2004
Representative Mary Bono (R-44)	324 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5330	202-225-2961
Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-45)	2338 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2415	202-225-0145
Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-46)	1529 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2965	202-225-5859
Representative Christopher Cox (R-47)	2402 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5611	202-225-9177
Representative Ron Packard (R-48)	2372 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3906	202-225-0134
Representative Brian P. Bilbray (R-49)	1530 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2040	202-225-2948
Representative Bob Filner (D-50)	330 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-8045	202-225-9073
Representative Randy Cunningham (R-51)	2238 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5452	202-225-2558
Representative Duncan L. Hunter (R-52)	2265 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5672	202-225-0235
Colorado			
Senator Wayne Allard (R)	513 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5941	202-224-6471
Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R)	380 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5852	202-224-1933
Representative Diana DeGette (D-1)	1404 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4431	202-225-5657
Representative David E. Skaggs (D-2)	1124 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2161	202-226-3806
Representative Scott McInnis (R-3)	215 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4761	202-226-0622
Representative Bob Schaffer (R-4)	212 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4676	202-225-5870
Representative Joel Hefley (R-5)	2230 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4422	202-225-1942
Representative Dan Schaefer (R-6)	2160 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-7882	202-225-7885
Connecticut			
Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D)	444 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2823	202-224-1083
Senator Joseph I. Lieberman (D)	706 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4041	202-224-9750
Representative Barbara B. Kennelly (D-1)	201 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2265	202-225-1031
Representative Sam Gejdenson (D-2)	1401 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2076	202-225-4977
Representative Rosa L. DeLauro (D-3)	436 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3661	202-225-4890
Representative Christopher Shays (R-4)	1502 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5541	202-225-9629
Representative James H. Maloney (D-5)	1213 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3822	202-225-5746
Representative Nancy L. Johnson (R-6)	343 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4476	202-225-4488
Delaware			
Senator William V. Roth, Jr. (R)	104 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2441	202-228-0354
Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D)	221 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5042	202-224-0139
Representative Michael N. Castle (R-1)	1227 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4165	202-225-2291
Florida			
Senator Connie Mack (R)	517 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5274	202-224-8022
Senator Bob Graham (D)	524 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3041	202-224-2237
Representative Joe Scarborough (R-1)	127 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4136	202-225-3414
Representative Allen Boyd (D-2)	1237 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5235	202-225-5615
Representative Corrine Brown (D-3)	1610 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-0123	202-225-2256
Representative Tillie K. Fowler (R-4)	109 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2501	202-225-9318
Representative Karen L. Thurman (D-5)	440 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-1002	202-226-0329
Representative Clifford B. Stearns (R-6)	2352 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5744	202-225-3973
Representative John L. Mica (R-7)	106 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4035	202-226-0821
Representative Bill McCollum (R-8)	2266 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2176	202-225-0999
Representative Michael Bilirakis (R-9)	2369 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5755	202-225-4085
Representative C. W. Young (R-10)	2407 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5961	202-225-9764
Representative James O. Davis (D-11)	327 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3376	202-225-5652
Representative Charles T. Canady (R-12)	2432 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-1252	202-225-2279
Representative Dan Miller (R-13)	102 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5015	202-226-0828
Representative Porter J. Goss (R-14)	108 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2536	202-225-6820
Representative Dave Weldon (R-15)	216 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3671	202-225-3516
Representative Mark A. Foley (R-16)	113 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5792	202-225-3132
Representative Carrie P. Meek (D-17)	401 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4506	202-226-0777
Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-18)	2240 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3931	202-225-5620
Representative Robert Wexler (D-19)	1609 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3001	202-225-5974
Representative Peter Deutsch (D-20)	204 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7931	202-225-8456
Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-21)	404 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4211	202-225-8576
Representative E. Clay Shaw, Jr. (R-22)	2408 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3026	202-225-8398
Representative Alcee L. Hastings (D-23)	1039 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-1313	202-226-0690
Georgia			
Senator Paul D. Coverdell (R)	200 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3643	202-228-3783
Senator Max Cleland (D)	461 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3521	202-224-0072
Representative Jack Kingston (R-1)	1507 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5831	202-226-2269
Representative Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-2)	1433 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3631	202-225-2203
Representative Michael A. Collins (R-3)	1131 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5901	202-225-2515
Representative Cynthia McKinney (D-4)	124 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-1605	202-226-0691

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Georgia (cont'd)			
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Representative Newt Gingrich (R-6)	2428 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4501	202-225-4656
Representative Bob Barr (R-7)	1130 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2931	202-225-2944
Representative Saxby Chambliss (R-8)	1019 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6531	202-225-3013
Representative Nathan Deal (R-9)	1406 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5211	202-225-8272
Representative Charles W. Norwood, Jr. (R-10)	1707 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4101	202-225-0279
Representative John Linder (R-11)	1005 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4272	202-225-4696
Hawaii			
Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D)	722 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3934	202-224-6747
Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D)	720 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6361	202-224-2126
Representative Neil Abercrombie (D-1)	1233 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2726	202-225-4580
Representative Patsy T. Mink (D-2)	2135 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4906	202-225-4987
Idaho			
Senator Larry E. Craig (R)	313 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2752	202-228-1067
Senator Dirk Kempthorne (R)	304 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6142	202-224-5893
Representative Helen Chenoweth (R-1)	1727 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6611	202-225-3029
Representative Michael D. Crapo (R-2)	437 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5531	202-225-8216
Illinois			
Senator Richard J. Durbin (D)	364 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2152	202-228-0400
Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D)	324 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2854	202-228-1318
Representative Bobby L. Rush (D-1)	131 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4372	202-226-0333
Representative Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. (D-2)	313 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-0773	202-225-0899
Representative William O. Lipinski (D-3)	1501 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5701	202-225-1012
Representative Luis V. Gutierrez (D-4)	2438 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-8203	202-225-7810
Representative Rod R. Blagojevich (D-5)	501 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4061	202-225-5603
Representative Henry J. Hyde (R-6)	2110 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4561	202-225-1166
Representative Danny K. Davis (D-7)	1218 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5006	202-225-5641
Representative Philip M. Crane (R-8)	233 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3711	202-225-7830
Representative Sidney R. Yates (D-9)	2109 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2111	202-225-3493
Representative John Edward Porter (R-10)	2373 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4835	202-225-0837
Representative Jerry Weller (R-11)	130 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3635	202-225-3521
Representative Jerry F. Costello (D-12)	2454 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5661	202-225-0285
Representative Harris W. Fawell (R-13)	2368 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3515	202-225-9420
Representative J. Dennis Hastert (R-14)	2241 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2976	202-225-0697
Representative Thomas W. Ewing (R-15)	2417 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2371	202-225-8071
Representative Donald A. Manzullo (R-16)	409 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5676	202-225-5284
Representative Lane Evans (D-17)	2335 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5905	202-225-5396
Representative Ray H. LaHood (R-18)	329 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6201	202-225-9249
Representative Glenn Poshard (D-19)	2334 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5201	202-225-1541
Representative John M. Shimkus (R-20)	513 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5271	202-225-5880
Indiana			
Senator Dan Coats (R)	404 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5623	202-228-3924
Senator Richard G. Lugar (R)	306 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4814	202-228-0360
Representative Peter J. Visclosky (D-1)	2313 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2461	202-225-2493
Representative David M. McIntosh (R-2)	1208 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3021	202-225-3382
Representative Tim Roemer (D-3)	2348 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3915	202-225-6798
Representative Mark E. Souder (R-4)	418 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4436	202-225-3479
Representative Stephen E. Buyer (R-5)	326 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5037	202-225-2267
Representative Dan Burton (R-6)	2185 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2276	202-225-0016
Representative Edward A. Pease (R-7)	226 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5805	
Representative John N. Hostettler (R-8)	431 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4636	202-225-3284
Representative Lee H. Hamilton (D-9)	2314 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5315	202-225-1101
Representative Julia Carson (D-10)	1541 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4011	202-225-5633
Iowa			
Senator Charles E. Grassley (R)	135 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3744	202-224-6020
Senator Tom Harkin (D)	731 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3254	202-224-9369
Representative James A. Leach (R-1)	2186 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6576	202-226-1278
Representative Jim Nussle (R-2)	303 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2911	202-225-9129
Representative Leonard L. Boswell (D-3)	1029 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3806	202-225-5608
Representative Greg Ganske (R-4)	1108 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4426	202-225-3193
Representative Tom Latham (R-5)	516 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5476	202-225-3301
Kansas			
Senator Sam Brownback (R)	303 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6521	202-228-1265
Senator Pat Roberts (R)	302 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4774	202-224-3514
Representative Jerry Moran (R-1)	1217 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2715	202-225-5124
Representative Jim Ryun (R-2)	511 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6601	202-225-7986
Representative Vincent Snowbarger (R-3)	509 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2865	202-225-5897
Representative Todd Tiahrt (R-4)	428 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6216	202-225-3489

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Senator Mitch McConnell (R)	361A Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2541	202-224-2499
Senator Wendell H. Ford (D)	173A Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4343	202-224-0046
Representative Edward Whitfield (R-1)	236 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3115	202-225-3547
Representative Ron Lewis (R-2)	223 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3501	202-226-2019
Representative Anne Meagher Northup (R-3)	1004 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5401	202-225-5776
Representative Jim Bunning (R-4)	2437 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3465	202-225-0003
Representative Harold Rogers (R-5)	2468 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4601	202-225-0940
Representative Scotty Baesler (D-6)	2463 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4706	202-225-2122

Louisiana

Senator John B. Breaux (D)	516 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4623	202-228-2577
Senator Mary L. Landrieu (D)	702 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5824	202-224-9735
Representative Robert L. Livingston (R-1)	2406 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3015	202-225-0739
Representative William J. Jefferson (D-2)	240 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6636	202-225-1988
Representative W. J. Tauzin (R-3)	2183 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4031	202-225-0563
Representative James McCrery (R-4)	2104 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2777	202-225-8039
Representative John C. Cooksey (R-5)	317 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-8490	202-225-5639
Representative Richard H. Baker (R-6)	434 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3901	202-225-7313
Representative Christopher John (D-7)	1504 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2031	202-225-5724

Maine

Senator Susan M. Collins (R)	172 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2523	202-224-2693
Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R)	250 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5344	202-224-1946
Representative Thomas H. Allen (D-1)	1630 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6116	202-225-5590
Representative John Elias Baldacci (D-2)	1740 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6306	202-225-2943

Maryland

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D)	709 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4654	202-224-8858
Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D)	309 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4524	202-224-1651
Representative Wayne T. Gilchrest (R-1)	332 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5311	202-225-0254
Representative Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. (R-2)	315 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3061	202-225-3094
Representative Benjamin L. Cardin (D-3)	104 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4016	202-225-9219
Representative Albert R. Wynn (D-4)	407 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-8699	202-225-8714
Representative Steny H. Hoyer (D-5)	1705 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4131	202-225-4300
Representative Roscoe G. Bartlett (R-6)	322 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2721	202-225-2193
Representative Elijah E. Cummings (D-7)	1632 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4741	202-225-3178
Representative Constance A. Morella (R-8)	2228 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5341	202-225-1389

Massachusetts

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D)	315 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4543	202-224-2417
Senator John F. Kerry (D)	421 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2742	202-224-8525
Representative John W. Olver (D-1)	1027 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5335	202-226-1224
Representative Richard E. Neal (D-2)	2236 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5601	202-225-8112
Representative James P. McGovern (D-3)	512 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6101	202-225-5759
Representative Barney Frank (D-4)	2210 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5931	202-225-0182
Representative Martin T. Meehan (D-5)	2434 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3411	202-226-0771
Representative John F. Tierney (D-6)	120 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-8020	202-225-5915
Representative Edward J. Markey (D-7)	2133 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2836	
Representative Joseph P. Kennedy, II (D-8)	2242 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5111	202-225-9322
Representative John Joseph Moakley (D-9)	235 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-8273	202-225-3984
Representative William D. Delahunt (D-10)	1517 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3111	202-225-5658

Michigan

Senator Spencer Abraham (R)	329 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4822	202-224-8834
Senator Carl Levin (D)	459 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6221	202-224-1388
Representative Bart Stupak (D-1)	1410 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4735	202-225-4744
Representative Peter Hoekstra (R-2)	1122 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4401	202-226-0779
Representative Vernon J. Ehlers (R-3)	1717 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3831	202-225-5144
Representative David L. Camp (R-4)	137 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3561	202-225-9679
Representative James A. Barcia (D-5)	2419 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-8171	202-225-2168
Representative Frederick S. Upton (R-6)	2333 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3761	202-225-4986
Representative Nick Smith (R-7)	306 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6276	202-225-6281
Representative Debbie Stabenow (D-8)	1516 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4872	202-225-5820
Representative Dale E. Kildee (D-9)	2187 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3611	202-225-6393
Representative David E. Bonior (D-10)	2207 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2106	202-226-1169
Representative Joe Knollenberg (R-11)	1511 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5802	202-226-2356
Representative Sander M. Levin (D-12)	2209 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4961	202-226-1033
Representative Lynn Nancy Rivers (D-13)	1724 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6261	202-225-3404
Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-14)	2426 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5126	202-225-0072
Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-15)	503 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2261	202-225-5730
Representative John D. Dingell (D-16)	2328 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4071	

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Senator Paul David Wellstone (D)	136 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5641	202-224-8438
Representative Gil Gutknecht (R-1)	425 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2472	202-225-3246
Representative David Minge (D-2)	1415 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2331	202-226-0836
Representative Jim Ramstad (R-3)	103 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2871	202-225-6351
Representative Bruce F. Vento (D-4)	2304 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6631	202-225-1968
Representative Martin Olav Sabo (D-5)	2336 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4755	202-225-4886
Representative William P. Luther (D-6)	117 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2271	202-225-3368
Representative Collin C. Peterson (D-7)	2159 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2165	202-225-1593
Representative James L. Oberstar (D-8)	2366 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6211	202-225-0699
Mississippi			
Senator Trent Lott (R)	487 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6253	202-224-2262
Senator Thad Cochran (R)	326 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5054	202-224-9450
Representative Roger F. Wicker (R-1)	206 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4306	202-225-3549
Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-2)	1408 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5876	202-225-5898
Representative Charles W. Pickering, Jr. (R-3)	427 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5031	202-225-5797
Representative Mike Parker (R-4)	2445 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5865	202-225-5886
Representative Gene Taylor (D-5)	2447 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5772	202-225-7074
Missouri			
Senator Christopher S. Bond (R)	274 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5721	202-224-8149
Senator John Ashcroft (R)	316 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6154	202-228-0998
Representative William L. Clay (D-1)	2306 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2406	202-225-1725
Representative James M. Talent (R-2)	1022 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2561	202-225-2563
Representative Richard A. Gephardt (D-3)	1226 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2671	202-225-7452
Representative Ike Skelton (D-4)	2227 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2876	202-225-2695
Representative Karen McCarthy (D-5)	1232 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4535	202-225-4403
Representative Pat Danner (D-6)	1207 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-7041	202-225-8221
Representative Roy Blunt (R-7)	508 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6536	202-225-5604
Representative Jo Ann Emerson (R-8)	132 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4404	
Representative Kenny Hulshof (R-9)	1728 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2956	202-225-5712
Montana			
Senator Max S. Baucus (D)	511 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2651	202-228-3687
Senator Conrad Burns (R)	187 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2644	202-224-8594
Representative Rick Hill (R-1)	1037 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3211	202-225-5687
Nebraska			
Senator Charles Hagel (R)	346 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4224	202-224-5213
Senator J. Robert Kerrey (D)	141 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6551	
Representative Doug Bereuter (R-1)	2184 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4806	202-225-5686
Representative Jon Christensen (R-2)	413 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4155	202-225-3032
Representative Bill E. Barrett (R-3)	2458 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6435	
Nevada			
Senator Harry M. Reid (D)	528 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3542	202-224-7327
Senator Richard H. Bryan (D)	269 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6244	202-224-1867
Representative John E. Ensign (R-1)	414 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5965	202-225-3119
Representative Jim Gibbons (R-2)	100 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6155	202-225-5679
New Hampshire			
Senator Judd Gregg (R)	393 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3324	202-224-4952
Senator Robert C. Smith (R)	307 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2841	202-224-1353
Representative John E. Sununu (R-1)	1229 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5456	202-225-5822
Representative Charles F. Bass (R-2)	218 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5206	202-225-2946
New Jersey			
Senator Robert G. Torricelli (D)	113 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3224	202-224-8567
Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D)	506 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4744	202-224-9707
Representative Robert E. Andrews (D-1)	2439 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6501	202-225-6583
Representative Frank A. LoBiondo (R-2)	222 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6572	202-225-3318
Representative James H. Saxton (R-3)	339 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4765	202-225-0778
Representative Christopher H. Smith (R-4)	2370 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3765	202-225-7768
Representative Marge S. Roukema (R-5)	2469 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4465	202-225-9048
Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6)	420 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4671	202-225-9665
Representative Bob Franks (R-7)	225 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5361	202-225-9460
Representative William J. Pascrell, Jr. (D-8)	1722 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5751	202-225-5782
Representative Steve R. Rothman (D-9)	1607 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5061	202-225-5851
Representative Donald M. Payne (D-10)	2244 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3436	202-225-4160
Representative Rodney P. Frelinghuysen (R-11)	228 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5034	202-225-3186
Representative Michael Pappas (R-12)	1710 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5801	202-225-6025
Representative Robert Menendez (D-13)	405 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7919	202-226-0792
New Mexico			
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Senator Pete V. Domenici (R)	328 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6621	

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Representative Bill Redmond (R-3)	2268 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6190	202-226-1331
New York			
Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato (R)	520 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6542	202-224-5871
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D)	464 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4451	202-228-0406
Representative Michael P. Forbes (R-1)	416 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3826	202-225-3143
Representative Rick A. Lazio (R-2)	2444 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3335	202-225-4669
Representative Peter T. King (R-3)	403 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7896	202-226-2279
Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-4)	1725 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5516	202-225-5758
Representative Gary L. Ackerman (D-5)	2243 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2601	202-225-1589
Representative Thomas J. Manton (D-7)	2235 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3965	202-225-1909
Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-8)	2448 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5635	202-225-6923
Representative Charles E. Schumer (D-9)	2211 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6616	202-225-4183
Representative Edolphus Towns (D-10)	2232 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5936	202-225-1018
Representative Major R. Owens (D-11)	2305 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6231	202-226-0112
Representative Nydia M. Velazquez (D-12)	1221 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2361	202-226-0327
Representative Vito Fossella (R-13)	2411 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202/225-3371	202/226-1272
Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (D-14)	1330 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-7944	202-225-4709
Representative Charles B. Rangel (D-15)	2354 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4365	202-225-0816
Representative Jose E. Serrano (D-16)	2342 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4361	202-225-6001
Representative Eliot L. Engel (D-17)	2303 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2464	202-225-5513
Representative Nita M. Lowey (D-18)	2421 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6506	202-225-0546
Representative Sue W. Kelly (R-19)	1222 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5441	202-225-3289
Representative Benjamin A. Gilman (R-20)	2449 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3776	202-225-2541
Representative Michael R. McNulty (D-21)	2161 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5076	202-225-5077
Representative Gerald B.H. Solomon (R-22)	2206 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5614	202-225-6234
Representative Sherwood L. Boehlert (R-23)	2246 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3665	202-225-1891
Representative John M. McHugh (R-24)	2441 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4611	202-225-0621
Representative James T. Walsh (R-25)	2351 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3701	202-225-4042
Representative Maurice D. Hinchey (D-26)	2431 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6335	202-226-0774
Representative Bill Paxon (R-27)	2412 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5265	202-225-5910
Representative Louise M. Slaughter (D-28)	2347 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3615	202-225-7822
Representative John J. LaFalce (D-29)	2310 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3231	202-225-8693
Representative Jack Quinn (R-30)	331 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3306	202-226-0347
Representative Amory Houghton (R-31)	1110 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3161	202-225-5574
North Carolina			
Senator Jesse A. Helms (R)	403 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6342	202-228-1339
Senator Lauch Faircloth (R)	317 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3154	202-224-7406
Representative Eva M. Clayton (D-1)	2440 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3101	202-225-3354
Representative Bob Etheridge (D-2)	1641 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4531	202-225-5662
Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-3)	422 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3415	202-225-3286
Representative David E. Price (D-4)	2162 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-1784	202-225-2014
Representative Richard M. Burr (R-5)	1513 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2071	202-225-2995
Representative Howard Coble (R-6)	2239 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3065	202-225-8611
Representative Mike McIntyre (D-7)	1605 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2731	202-225-5773
Representative W. G. Hefner (D-8)	2470 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3715	202-225-4036
Representative Sue Myrick (R-9)	230 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-1976	202-225-3389
Representative Cass Ballenger (R-10)	2182 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2576	202-225-0316
Representative Charles H. Taylor (R-11)	231 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6401	
Representative Melvin L. Watt (D-12)	1230 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-1510	202-225-1512
North Dakota			
Senator Kent Conrad (D)	530 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2043	202-224-7776
Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D)	713 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2551	202-224-1193
Representative Earl Pomeroy (D-1)	1533 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2611	202-226-0893
Ohio			
Senator Mike DeWine (R)	140 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2315	202-224-6519
Senator John Glenn (D)	503 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3353	202-224-7983
Representative Steve Chabot (R-1)	129 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2216	202-225-3012
Representative Rob Portman (R-2)	238 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3164	202-225-1992
Representative Tony P. Hall (D-3)	1432 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6465	202-225-0351
Representative Michael G. Oxley (R-4)	2233 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2676	
Representative Paul E. Gillmor (R-5)	1203 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6405	202-225-1985
Representative Ted Strickland (D-6)	336 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5705	202-225-5907
Representative David L. Hobson (R-7)	1514 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4324	202-225-1984
Representative John A. Boehner (R-8)	1011 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6205	202-225-0704
Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-9)	2311 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4146	202-225-7711
Representative Dennis J. Kucinich (D-10)	1730 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5871	202-225-5745
Representative Louis Stokes (D-11)	2365 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-7032	202-225-1339
Representative John R. Kasich (R-12)	1111 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5355	

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Representative Thomas C. Sawyer (D-14)	1414 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5231	202-225-5278
Representative Deborah Pryce (R-15)	221 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2015	202-226-0309
Representative Ralph Regula (R-16)	2309 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3876	202-225-3059
Representative James A. Traficant, Jr. (D-17)	2446 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5261	202-225-3719
Representative Robert W. Ney (R-18)	1024 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6265	202-225-3394
Representative Steve C. LaTourette (R-19)	1239 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5731	202-225-3307
Oklahoma			
Senator James M. Inhofe (R)	453 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4721	202-228-0380
Senator Don Nickles (R)	133 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5754	202-224-6008
Representative Steve Largent (R-1)	426 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2211	202-225-9187
Representative Thomas Allen Coburn (R-2)	429 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2701	202-225-3038
Representative Wesley W. Watkins (R-3)	2312 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4565	202-225-5966
Representative J.C. Watts, Jr. (R-4)	1210 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6165	202-225-3512
Representative Ernest J. Istook, Jr. (R-5)	119 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2132	202-226-1463
Representative Frank D. Lucas (R-6)	107 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5565	202-225-8698
Oregon			
Senator Ron Wyden (D)	717 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5244	202-228-2717
Senator Gordon H. Smith (R)	359 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3753	202-228-3997
Representative Elizabeth Furse (D-1)	316 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-0855	202-225-9497
Representative Robert F. Smith (R-2)	1126 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6730	202-225-5774
Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-3)	1113 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4811	202-225-8941
Representative Peter A. DeFazio (D-4)	2134 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6416	202-226-3502
Representative Darlene Hooley (D-5)	1419 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5711	202-225-5699
Pennsylvania			
Senator Rick Santorum (R)	120 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6324	202-228-0604
Senator Arlen Specter (R)	711 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4254	202-228-1229
Representative Chaka Fattah (D-2)	1205 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4001	202-226-0311
Representative Robert A. Borski (D-3)	2267 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-8251	202-225-4628
Representative Ron Klink (D-4)	125 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2565	202-226-2274
Representative John E. Peterson (R-5)	1020 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5121	202-225-5796
Representative Tim Holden (D-6)	1421 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5546	202-226-0996
Representative Curt Weldon (R-7)	2452 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2011	202-225-8137
Representative James C. Greenwood (R-8)	2436 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4276	202-225-9511
Representative Bud Shuster (R-9)	2188 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2431	202-225-2486
Representative Joseph M. McDade (R-10)	2107 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3731	202-225-9594
Representative Paul E. Kanjorski (D-11)	2353 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6511	202-225-0764
Representative John P. Murtha (D-12)	2423 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2065	202-225-5709
Representative Jon D. Fox (R-13)	435 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6111	202-225-3155
Representative William J. Coyne (D-14)	2455 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2301	202-225-1844
Representative Paul McHale (D-15)	217 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6411	202-225-5320
Representative Joseph R. Pitts (R-16)	504 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2411	202-225-2013
Representative George W. Gekas (R-17)	2410 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4315	202-225-8440
Representative Michael F. Doyle (D-18)	133 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2135	202-225-3084
Representative William F. Goodling (R-19)	2263 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5836	202-226-1000
Representative Frank R. Mascara (D-20)	314 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4665	202-225-3377
Representative Phil English (R-21)	1721 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5406	202-225-3103
Rhode Island			
Senator John H. Chafee (R)	505 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2921	202-228-2853
Senator Jack F. Reed (D)	320 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4642	202-224-4680
Representative Patrick J. Kennedy (D-1)	312 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4911	202-225-3290
Representative Robert A. Weygand (D-2)	507 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2735	202-225-5976
South Carolina			
Senator Strom Thurmond (R)	217 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5972	202-224-1300
Senator Ernest Fritz Hollings (D)	125 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6121	202-224-4293
Representative Marshall Sanford (R-1)	1223 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3176	202-225-3407
Representative Floyd D. Spence (R-2)	2405 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2452	202-225-2455
Representative Lindsey O. Graham (R-3)	1429 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5301	202-225-3216
Representative Robert D. Inglis (R-4)	320 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6030	202-226-1177
Representative John M. Spratt, Jr. (D-5)	1536 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5501	202-225-0464
Representative James E. Clyburn (D-6)	319 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3315	202-225-2313
South Dakota			
Senator Tim P. Johnson (D)	502 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5842	202-228-5765
Senator Thomas A. Daschle (D)	509 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2321	202-224-2047
Representative John R. Thune (R-1)	506 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2801	202-225-5823
Tennessee			
Senator Bill Frist (R)	565 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3344	202-228-1264
Senator Fred Thompson (R)	523 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4944	202-228-3679
Representative William L. Jenkins (R-1)	1708 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6356	202-225-5714

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Tennessee (cont'd)			
Representative John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-2)	2400 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5435	202-225-6440
Representative Zach Wamp (R-3)	423 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3271	202-225-3494
Representative Van Hilleary (R-4)	114 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6831	202-225-3272
Representative Bob Clement (D-5)	2229 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4311	202-226-1035
Representative Bart Gordon (D-6)	2201 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4231	202-225-6887
Representative Edward G. Bryant (R-7)	408 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2811	202-225-2989
Representative John Tanner (D-8)	1127 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4714	202-225-1765
Representative Harold E. Ford, Jr. (D-9)	1523 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3265	202-225-5663
Texas			
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	283 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5922	202-224-0776
Senator Phil Gramm (R)	370 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2934	202-228-2856
Representative Max Sandlin (D-1)	214 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3035	202-225-5866
Representative Jim Turner (D-2)	1508 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2401	202-225-5955
Representative Sam Johnson (R-3)	1030 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4201	202-225-1485
Representative Ralph M. Hall (D-4)	2221 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6673	202-225-3332
Representative Pete Sessions (R-5)	1318 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2231	202-225-5878
Representative Joe Barton (R-6)	2264 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2002	202-225-3052
Representative Bill Archer (R-7)	1236 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2571	202-225-4381
Representative Kevin Brady (R-8)	1531 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4901	202-225-5524
Representative Nick Lampson (D-9)	417 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6565	202-225-5547
Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-10)	126 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4865	202-225-3073
Representative Chet Edwards (D-11)	2459 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6105	202-225-0350
Representative Kay Granger (R-12)	515 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5071	202-225-5683
Representative William M. Thornberry (R-13)	412 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3706	202-225-3486
Representative Ron Paul (R-14)	203 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-2831	202-226-4871
Representative Ruben Hinojosa (D-15)	1032 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2531	202-225-5688
Representative Silvestre Reyes (D-16)	514 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-4831	202-225-2016
Representative Charles W. Stenholm (D-17)	1211 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-6605	202-225-2234
Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-18)	410 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3816	202-225-3317
Representative Larry Combest (R-19)	1026 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4005	
Representative Henry B. Gonzalez (D-20)	2413 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3236	202-225-1915
Representative Lamar S. Smith (R-21)	2231 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4236	202-225-8628
Representative Tom DeLay (R-22)	341 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5951	
Representative Henry Bonilla (R-23)	1427 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4511	202-225-2237
Representative Martin Frost (D-24)	2256 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3605	202-225-4951
Representative Ken Bentsen (D-25)	128 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7508	202-225-2947
Representative Richard K. Armey (R-26)	301 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7772	
Representative Solomon P. Ortiz (D-27)	2136 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-7742	202-226-1134
Representative Ciro D. Rodriguez (D-28)	323 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-1640	202-225-1641
Representative Gene Green (D-29)	2429 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-1688	202-225-9903
Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-30)	1123 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-8885	202-226-1477
Utah			
Senator Orrin G. Hatch (R)	131 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5251	202-224-6331
Senator Robert F. Bennett (R)	431 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5444	202-224-4908
Representative James V. Hansen (R-1)	2466 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-0453	202-225-5857
Representative Merrill Cook (R-2)	1431 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3011	202-225-5638
Representative Christopher B. Cannon (R-3)	118 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7751	202-225-5629
Vermont			
Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D)	433 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4242	
Senator James M. Jeffords (R)	728 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5141	202-228-1967
Representative Bernard Sanders (Independent-1)	2202 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4115	202-225-6790
Virginia			
Senator John W. Warner (R)	225 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2023	202-224-6295
Senator Charles S. Robb (D)	154 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-4024	202-224-8689
Representative Herbert H. Bateman (R-1)	2350 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4261	202-225-4382
Representative Owen B. Pickett (D-2)	2430 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4215	202-225-4218
Representative Robert C. Scott (D-3)	2464 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-8351	202-225-8354
Representative Norman Sisisky (D-4)	2371 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-6365	202-226-1170
Representative Virgil Goode, Jr. (D-5)	1520 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4711	202-225-5681
Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-6)	123 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5431	202-225-9681
Representative Thomas J. Bliley, Jr. (R-7)	2409 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2815	202-225-0011
Representative James P. Moran (D-8)	1214 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-4376	202-225-0017
Representative Rick Boucher (D-9)	2329 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3861	202-225-0442
Representative Frank R. Wolf (R-10)	241 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-5136	202-225-0437
Representative Thomas M. Davis, III (R-11)	224 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-1492	202-225-3071
Washington			
Senator Patty Murray (D)	111 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-2621	202-224-0238
Senator Slade Gorton (R)	730 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3441	202-224-9393
Representative Rick White (R-1)	116 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-6311	202-225-3524

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Representative Jack Metcalf (R-2)	1510 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2605	202-225-4420
Representative Linda Smith (R-3)	1317 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3536	202-225-3478
Representative Richard Hastings (R-4)	1323 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5816	202-225-3251
Representative George R. Nethercutt, Jr. (R-5)	1527 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2006	
Representative Norman D. Dicks (D-6)	2467 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5916	202-226-1176
Representative Jim McDermott (D-7)	2349 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3106	
Representative Jennifer B. Dunn (R-8)	432 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-7761	202-225-8673
Representative Adam Smith (D-9)	1505 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-8901	202-225-5893
West Virginia			
Senator John D. Rockefeller IV (D)	531 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6472	202-224-7665
Senator Robert C. Byrd (D)	311 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3954	202-224-8070
Representative Alan B. Mollohan (D-1)	2346 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4172	202-225-7564
Representative Robert E. Wise, Jr. (D-2)	2367 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2711	202-225-7856
Representative Nick J. Rahall, II (D-3)	2307 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3452	202-225-9061
Wisconsin			
Senator Herb Kohl (D)	330 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5653	202-224-9787
Senator Russell D. Feingold (D)	716 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-5323	202-224-2725
Representative Mark W. Neumann (R-1)	415 Cannon House Office Bldg.	202-225-3031	202-225-3393
Representative Scott L. Klug (R-2)	2331 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2906	202-225-6942
Representative Ron Kind (D-3)	1713 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5506	202-225-5739
Representative Gerald D. Kleczka (D-4)	2301 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-4572	202-225-8135
Representative Thomas M. Barrett (D-5)	1224 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-3571	202-225-2185
Representative Thomas E. Petri (R-6)	2262 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-2476	202-225-2356
Representative David R. Obey (D-7)	2462 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-3365	
Representative Jay W. Johnson (D-8)	1313 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-5665	202-225-5729
Representative F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-9)	2332 Rayburn House Office Bldg.	202-225-5101	202-225-3190
Wyoming			
Senator Craig Thomas (R)	109 Hart Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-6441	202-224-1724
Senator Michael B. Enzi (R)	290 Russell Senate Office Bldg.	202-224-3424	202-228-0359
Representative Barbara Cubin (R-1)	1114 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-2311	202-225-3057
District of Columbia			
Delegate Eleanor H. Norton (D-1)	1424 Longworth House Office Bldg.	202-225-8050	202-225-3002

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Effective Ways to Communicate With Legislators

Personal Visits

Face-to-face discussion is the most effective means of communication and essential to the establishment of a solid working relationship. A meeting is more easily arranged early in a congressional session, before pressures build up.

Constituents are always welcome in Washington, D.C. All legislators also have one or more local district offices that they visit periodically during congressional recesses and between sessions. Visits there will often be more convenient for you than Washington visits. Regardless of where you visit your legislator, be sure you have a firm appointment. Use the district office to make local or capital appointments. Get to know district staff members. Close working relationships with staff will benefit you in many ways.

Take along others—library director, trustee, friend, representative of a community organization, citizen, student activist and/or academic-library supporter. Keep the delegation small enough for an easy exchange of viewpoints with the legislator. Leave your card and any written information you may have prepared. Follow up with a letter of appreciation for the time given to you, and include any additional information suggested by the visit.

Five Basic Rules for Effective Communication

1. **Be Brief.** A legislator's time is limited. So is yours.
2. **Be Appreciative.** Acknowledge past support, and convey thanks for current action.
3. **Be Specific.** Refer to local library and district needs.
4. **Be Informative.** Give reasons why a measure should be supported.
5. **Be Courteous.** Be positive and polite. Ask for a specific action or support. Do not demand or threaten.

Letters, Letters, Letters

These are the chief fuel which powers any legislative vehicle. They are read. They elicit responses. They represent votes. Each letter writer is deemed to represent several like-minded, less motivated constituents.

Letters may be formal or informal, typewritten or handwritten. Your letter should state your position, give reasons for that position, and give the legislator reasons to support the position. If you are asking for support for a particular bill, cite it by number and author, and give its title or subject matter.

Using the correct form of address for your legislator is important. First impressions count.

For Senators:

The Honorable _____ (full name)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

For Representatives:

The Honorable _____ (full name)
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

E-mail and Fax

These are fast, easy ways to communicate with legislators when the need for action is critical (just prior to a committee or floor vote, for example). The same general rules for regular correspondence apply. Explore how your congressional offices react to newer means of communicating, such as fax or e-mail. Some offices embrace these new technologies more readily than others. The following URL's are good sources of information about legislators' electronic contact information:

- <http://www.senate.gov/senator/membmail.html>
- <http://www.house.gov/>

Include your regular mailing address in e-mail and faxes. An e-mail message that is no more than 40 characters wide will stay properly formatted and easy to read in most e-mail readers. Take into consideration how long the message will be when printed, and remember to keep it reasonably short.

Telephone Calls

Once you have made the acquaintance of your representative, telephone calls are appropriate and easy. Make them sparingly to the legislator, whose time is heavily occupied. Regular contact with staff is possible and often effective.

Times to telephone include: to ask support before a hearing or a floor vote; to ask for help with legislative colleagues; to convey urgent local concern. Judge how far to pursue by the reaction. Remember that it is more difficult for a legislator to temporize in a conversation than by letter.

INVITATION

Mark your calendars for the 25th annual

National Library Legislative Day
Washington, D.C.

May 3-4, 1999*

**Monday, May 3 will be Briefing Day*

Tuesday, May 4 will be National Library Legislative Day

Visit <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legday.html> for more information or call the ALA Washington Office at 800/941-8478.

See you there!

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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Coordinators, NLLD Participants, and ALA Executive Board Members
FROM: Carol C. Henderson, Executive Director, ALA Washington Office
DATE: April 9, 1999
SUBJECT: Plans and schedule for National Library Legislative Day events

The American Library Association and District of Columbia Library Association look forward to welcoming you to Washington, D.C. on Monday and Tuesday, May 3-4 for the 25th Anniversary National Library Legislative Day! We have scheduled a full day of briefings and training on May 3 to prepare you for effective congressional visits on May 4.

We are very excited that a previously scheduled Senate recess has been cancelled and the Senate will be session. The House will also be in session. You as participants are making an important contribution by traveling to Washington to tell the library story to a new 106th Congress. Thank you for being part of this effort!

(Note to state coordinators: If you have not done so already, please make appointments for your state delegation to meet with your congressional members and/or state legislative director on Tuesday, May 4. The U.S. Capitol switchboard number is 202-224-3121.)

By popular request, we are once again making **one disposable camera** available to each state delegation to help record your visit with congressional members. Delegations are encouraged to use these pictures for state newsletters, local newspapers, and more.

Enclosed are advanced briefing materials and a slightly revised schedule. If you have questions, or would like additional information, please contact Mary Costabile at 1-800-941-8478 or go to <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legday.html>.

The success of our silver anniversary of National Library Legislative Day depends on broad participation and broad support from the library community. We look forward to seeing you!

Attachments:

- (1) Schedule for Briefing Day / National Library Legislative Day
- (2) Key Library Issues & Messages for Congress
- (3) President's FY2000 Budget Proposal: Action Needed

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National Library Legislative Day 1999

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May 3-4, 1999
Washington, D.C.

Briefing Day **Monday, May 3, 1999**

Where: Holiday Inn on The Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; ph: 202-638-1616; fax: 202-347-1813; Reservations: 1-800-638-1116. To stay at the Holiday Inn (rate: \$129 single; \$139 double until 4/1), call 1-800-638-1116 and ask for the "ALA rate."

Description: This full day of issue briefings will prepare participants for an informed and effective day of congressional visits on Tuesday, May 4.

Tentative Schedule:

8:00-9:00 am Coffee, folder pick-up
9:00-9:20 am Welcome and announcements
9:20-10:00 am Fast track summary: Key issues and messages overview
10:00-10:15 am BREAK

In-depth track: Simultaneous sessions (questions encouraged!)

	<u>ROOM A</u>	<u>ROOM B</u>
10:15-11:00 am	E-rate; Internet Issues	Government Information
11:00-11:15 am	BREAK	BREAK
11:15-12:00 pm	Intellectual Property	Funding; ESEA
12:00-1:15 pm	*** LUNCH ON YOUR OWN ***	
1:15-2:00 pm	Funding; ESEA	Intellectual Property
2:00-2:15 pm	BREAK	BREAK
2:15-3:00 pm	Government Info.	E-rate; Internet Issues
3:00-3:15 pm	BREAK	BREAK
3:15-3:30 pm	Key Issues and Messages Overview	State and other delegations of library supporters caucus
3:30-5:00 pm	State & other delegations caucus	State & other delegations caucus

Cost: FREE!

Contact: Your state legislative day coordinator (available at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legday.html>). For more information contact the ALA Washington Office at 800-941-8478, 202-628-8410 or e-mail: phk@alawash.org.

National Library Legislative Day **Tuesday, May 4, 1999**

Where: Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

Description: The day will begin with a short briefing and send off for participants by one or more House Representatives. The ALA Washington Office will prepare background kits for participants to distribute during congressional office visits.

You are urged to develop handouts with state and local library stories as well. Later in the day there will be a wrap-up session for state coordinators to discuss the day's experiences, followed by a Congressional Reception.

Tentative Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00 am Coffee, folder pick-up at the Capitol Building SC-5
9:00 - 9:45 am Announcements; briefing
ALL DAY Congressional office visits
4:00 - 5:00 pm Wrap-up (for state coordinators only) in Rayburn 2105
5:00 - 7:00 pm Reception in Rayburn B338-340

Cost: Registration for National Library Legislative Day is \$8.00. (Free for students!)

Contact: Your state legislative day coordinator (available at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legday.html>). For more information contact the ALA Washington Office at 800-941-8478, 202-628-8410 or e-mail: phk@alawash.org.

Key Library Issues & Messages for Congress

Why do library supporters care about federal programs, policy, and funding?

Congressional actions on national policies and programs affect libraries' ability to provide services for constituents, to innovate and reach out, and to make efficient and cost-effective use of library resources across local and state boundaries. Support of policies and programs that encourage improved library services and public access to information is critically important. The ALA Washington Office would be pleased to provide additional information to congressional offices about these or other issues or legislation:

Library Services and Technology Act

This recently renewed and simplified cornerstone of federal funding for libraries is focused on technology and outreach. The Administration requested \$154.5 million for FY2000. LSTA was funded in FY99 at \$166.2 million, of which \$150.8 million is for purposes specified in the underlying law. The remainder was for specific grants required by FY99 appropriations language. Most funding goes to libraries through states; 3.75% is reserved for national leadership purposes, and 1.75% for services to Native Americans. Less than 2% is used for federal administration by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Action needed:

- Fund LSTA at \$166.2 million for state grants, competitive national leadership grants (including an initiative for national digital library materials for educational purposes), and grants for Native American library services. Doing so will better support literacy, education, and help libraries provide jobs and consumer health information, serve small business, and improve services through technology.

Library Services through Education and Literacy Programs

The new Reading Excellence Act, designed to improve reading instruction for young children and support after-school and summer reading programs, offers opportunities for school and public libraries to assist in these goals. Education programs such as ESEA title VI (school innovation) and ESEA III (technology) are used for student resource materials and are important to school library media centers. Librarians serving students and children are reading and technology specialists who undergird education efforts.

Action needed:

- Fund the Reading Excellence Act at the requested level of \$286 million.
- Fund ESEA VI (school innovation), used by many schools for library materials, at least at the current \$375 million. (The Administration requested no funds at all.)
- Fund ESEA III and other educational technology programs at the requested \$801 million.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization

Congress is reviewing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and related programs this year. ALA recommends that Congress ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information. Student performance and achievement can be increased:

- By providing intellectual and physical access to materials in all formats;
- By providing instruction to foster competence and stimulate interest in reading, viewing and using information and ideas; and
- By working with other educators to design learning strategies to meet the needs of individual students.

This is the mission of the school library media program. Federal assistance could help meet this goal by ensuring that schools have funds:

- To acquire sufficient school library materials;
- To provide qualified school library media specialists to work with students and teachers; and
- To incorporate new technologies into the curriculum and into teaching, learning, and training through school library media programs to improve student information literacy and critical thinking skills (such as scaling up the successful ICONnect model technology initiative by the American Association of School Librarians).

Research indicates that spending federal funds in these ways has a positive effect on student achievement.

Database Protection Legislation

A revised Collections of Information Antipiracy Act, H.R. 354, is pending in the House Judiciary Committee; its Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on March 18. The approach taken in H.R. 354 could lead to a licensing framework where facts, government information, and other information could not be used without permission and with additional costs for each use. The ability to tightly control uses of information, including downstream transformative uses, would be at odds with a culture of building upon prior research and could undermine the basic mechanisms of scientific and educational data exchange.

Action needed:

- Ensure that any legislation to provide additional protection for databases is specifically tailored to address a demonstrated problem, to avoid upsetting the careful balance historically a part of U.S. copyright law.
- Accept the library associations' offer to work constructively with Congress and other parties to craft a bill focused on preventing piracy of commercial databases.

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Copyright and Distance Education

Copyright law allows creators and publishers to exercise exclusive rights over distribution and sale of information products, subject to limits to protect the public good. Fair use and other exceptions to proprietor rights for noncommercial and educational purposes enable libraries to lend materials and foster education and self-governance in a democracy. The study of distance education required by the recent Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) will result in a report in April 1999 from the U.S. Copyright Office with recommendations for legislative updating of the current distance education exemption. That 1976 exemption allows the TV broadcast of certain copyrighted materials but needs updating to permit comparable activity in the digital environment.

Action needed:

- Enact an updated exemption for use of copyrighted materials in support of distance education that promotes distance learning while meeting reasonable proprietor concerns.

Public Access to Government Information

Libraries in nearly every congressional district are partners with Congress in making sure their constituents have no-fee, public access to government information in print and electronic formats through the Federal Depository Library Program administered by the Government Printing Office. Legislative Branch appropriations make this possible.

Action needed:

- Work with librarians, the specialists in how the public uses government information, to strengthen and improve Title 44 *USC* governing the distribution of information to the public through depository libraries.
- Fund this GPO program at the \$31.2 million requested; libraries spend much more on their half of the bargain to assist your constituents in making effective use of congressional information, census data, health and safety information, and much more.

Universal Service; Discounted Telecommunications Rates

Updated provisions to ensure universal service, calling for discounted rates for libraries and schools, were included in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, thanks to the Snowe-Rockefeller-Kerrey-Exon amendment. Letters of commitment for the first round of E-rate discounts were completed in February. The process for a second round of discounts is underway.

Action needed:

- Support the E-rate program and allow time for schools and libraries to show improved services to your constituents as a result of purchasing telecommunications services at discounted rates. Further delay or restructuring of this much scrutinized and audited program, as well as the imposition of extraneous requirements as a condition of eligibility for the E-rate, will impose a financial burden on the neediest schools and libraries. This would set back the timetable for the spread of advanced telecommunications services to rural and other underserved areas.

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Filtering Requirements

Several bills or proposals are pending that would impose requirements on schools and libraries to use technology to block or filter material harmful to or inappropriate for minors as a condition for receiving certain federal funds or receiving or retaining the E-rate telecommunication discounts.

Action needed:

- Resist Internet content restrictions and inappropriate requirements on eligibility for federal funds or the E-rate.
- Respect local decision making; libraries, together with their boards and with community input, are taking thoughtful and responsible approaches to these complex issues.

Higher Education Act, Next Generation Internet, Digital Libraries

Strong funding for the Higher Education Act and other academic programs is critical for student success. The ability of academic libraries to support higher education and research is linked to vigorous programs of federal student aid and federal support of research.

Action needed:

- Fund HEA adequately.
- Support practical and operational digital library projects as appropriate to the missions of the various federal agencies.
- Support Next Generation Internet initiatives to move the national information infrastructure into the 21st century.

The American Library Association, founded in 1876, is the oldest and largest national library association in the world. The Association has 2,933 organization members and 52,502 personal members—a total of 55,573. Its concern spans all types of libraries: state, public, school and academic libraries; special libraries serving persons in government, commerce and industry, the arts, the armed services, hospitals, prisons, and other institutions. With a membership of libraries, librarians, library trustees, and other interested persons from every state and many countries of the world, the association is the chief advocate for the people of the United States in their search for the highest quality of library and information services. The Association maintains a close working relationship with more than 70 other library associations in the United States, Canada, and other countries, and it works closely with many other organizations concerned with education, research, cultural development, recreation, and public service.

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President's FY2000 Budget Proposal: Action Needed

Action needed:

- Fund the Library Services and Technology Act at \$166.2 million. A strong investment will connect more libraries to the Internet, support literacy for young children and adults, help libraries provide job and consumer health information, serve small business, and provide information for lifelong learning.
- School and public libraries provide not only up-to-date materials, but library professionals to teach students information-seeking skills. Fund ESEA Title VI at least at the FY99 level of \$375 million. Many schools use Title VI funds for school library and other instructional materials.

Library supporters should contact their Representatives and Senators about the importance of FY2000 funding for these programs. The U.S. Capitol Switchboard phone number is 202-224-3121. E-mail also can be effective. For a directory of Congressional e-mail addresses, consult the ALA Washington Office Legislative Action Center at <http://congress.nw.dc.us/ala/>.

Background:

On February 1 President Clinton's FY2000 budget was released. It requests major increases in funding for education programs with significant attention paid to a variety of new Presidential initiatives. Those initiatives include: reducing class size and recruitment of new teachers, improving school facilities infrastructure, increasing the amounts of Pell Grants, and increases for college work study and technology (see below).

- The President requested \$154.5 million for LSTA for FY2000. An increase in library program funding to \$166.2 million, the amount appropriated in FY99, would allow more libraries in every state to connect to the Internet and support literacy for young children and adults. The ALA/NCLIS *The 1998 National Survey of U.S. Public Library Outlet Internet Connectivity* showed that 73% of public library buildings have some Internet access, thanks partly to LSTA. However, effective public access is far from complete. Nearly half these libraries have only one multimedia workstation, and one one-third are connecting at speeds greater than 56kbps. While the E-rate discounts are increasing connections to the Web, libraries must also invest in computers, content and training. The U.S. Department of Education's *1994 National Adult Literacy Survey* found that between 23 and 27 million adults performed at or below the fifth-grade level in reading and math.
- The President's budget fails to request funds for ESEA Title VI, the block grant which many school libraries depend upon for materials. School librarians and public librarians are well aware of the need for a variety of materials to interest young children and students in reading. Because of strong House leadership and "grassroots" support, Title VI was funded at \$375 million in FY99. Title VI funding would complement the Reading Excellence Act, for which \$286 million was requested.
- The Administration's continuing emphasis on technology is reflected in proposed funding for: the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund at \$450 million, middle school teacher training (\$30 million) and initiatives to support software development and technology leadership activities.

President's FY2000 Budget Proposal for Federal Library and Related Programs

LIBRARY PROGRAMS (amounts in thousands)	FY99 Budget Request	FY99 Appropriations	FY2000 Budget Request
GPO Superintendent of Documents	30,200	29,264	31,245
Library of Congress	⁽¹⁾ 397,002	⁽²⁾ 391,660	⁽³⁾ 416,800
Library Services and Technology Act	146,340	⁽⁴⁾ 166,175	154,500
National Agricultural Library	20,000	19,000	21,000
National Commission on Libraries & Information Science	1,000	1,000	1,300
National Library of Medicine (includes MLAA)	174,725	181,309	181,443
LIBRARY-RELATED PROGRAMS (amounts in thousands)			
Adult Education and Literacy	394,000	385,000	575,000
ESEA title I, Education for Disadvantaged	8,480,892	8,357,520	8,721,920
ESEA title I-B, Even Start	114,992	135,000	145,000
ESEA title II-A, Eisenhower professional development (Federal activities)	50,000	23,300	30,000
ESEA title II-B, Eisenhower professional development (State grants)	335,000	335,000	0
ESEA title III, Educational Technology	721,000	698,100	801,000
Technology Literacy Challenge	475,000	550,100	450,000
Star Schools - part B	34,000	45,000	45,000
ESEA title VI, Innovative education program strategies (State grants)	0	375,000	0
ESEA title X-I, 21st Century Community Learning Centers	200,000	200,000	600,000
Education of Handicapped Children (state grants)	4,554,685	5,054,685	5,106,435
Educational Research & Dissemination	128,567	143,567	198,282
Educational Statistics	68,000	68,000	77,500
Educational Assessment	40,000	40,000	44,500
Goals 2000	501,000	491,000	491,000
HEA title III, Institutional Development	252,500	258,750	259,800
HEA title IV-C, College Work-Study	900,000	870,000	934,000
HEA title VI, International Education	61,117	67,536	69,022
HEA title X-A, Postsecondary Education Improvement Fund	22,500	50,000	27,500
Inexpensive Book Distribution (RIF)	13,000	18,000	18,000
Literacy Initiative (proposed legislation such as America Reads or Reading Excellence)	260,000	⁽⁵⁾ 260,000	286,000
Museum Grants	26,000	⁽⁶⁾ 23,405	⁽⁶⁾ 34,000
NTIA Information Infrastructure Grants (TIAP)	22,000	18,000	20,102
National Archives & Records Administration	230,025	224,614	186,452
National Endowment for the Arts	120,500	98,000	150,000
National Endowment for the Humanities	122,000	110,700	151,400
National Historical Publications & Records Commission	6,000	10,000	6,000
<p>⁽¹⁾ Includes authority to obligate \$27.67 million in receipts</p> <p>⁽²⁾ Includes authority to obligate \$28 million in receipts</p> <p>⁽³⁾ Includes authority to obligate \$33.1 million in receipts</p> <p>⁽⁴⁾ Includes \$15.4 million in statutory mandated specific projects</p> <p>⁽⁵⁾ Includes \$210 million permanent authority from FY98</p> <p>⁽⁶⁾ Includes \$1 million for joint library/museum projects under LSTA National Leadership Projects grants</p>			
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THE LATEST ON DIGITAL COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION

THE BIG PICTURE

STATUS: Legislation intended to update American copyright law for the digital age and to implement a new copyright treaty has been approved by the Judiciary Committees of both chambers of Congress and is poised for action by the full House and Senate. Although improved in Committee, these bills: (1) fail to affirm that fair use applies with full force in the digital environment; and (2) undermine fair use, by making it illegal to “circumvent” copyright protection *even if* that action is taken to make fair or other lawful use of the work.

MESSAGE: Urge your legislator to **affirm and enable fair use** in the these bills and their Committee reports.

STATUS

SENATE

On April 30, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a new bill the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (“DMCA”). In the last few weeks Committee members opened negotiations among affected parties and pressed for resolution of several issues of concern to the library, education and related communities, including digital preservation and distance education. While some of those negotiations produced results included in the bill adopted by the Committee, others remain partially or wholly unaddressed. The Committee’s action is so recent, however, that the import of the DMCA has not yet been fully analyzed.

HOUSE

On April 1, the House Judiciary Committee approved a new version of, H.R. 2281: that chamber’s version of a copyright treaty implementation bill. Although scheduled for floor consideration 10 days ago, the bill has not been scheduled for a House vote because it remains so controversial. As adopted, H.R. 2281 does not include any of the provisions of the Boucher/Campbell Digital Era Copyright Enhancement Act (H.R. 3048) to update the parts of the Copyright Act enabling fair use, digital preservation, library lending, distance learning, and access to the technology needed to engage in these activities. H.R. 3048, strongly supported by all major national library organizations, has been cosponsored to date by nearly 40 members of the House of both parties.

MESSAGE

- The library and education communities **appreciate the intense and hard work** that the Senate Judiciary Committee has engaged in over the last few weeks.
- Please **continue to work with representatives of library and education organizations** as the DMCA moves forward and to develop critical legislative history for the Committee’s report on this legislation.
- **Achieving an appropriate balance** in copyright law between protecting information and affording access to it -- particularly through fair use -- is critical to meeting the needs of libraries and educational institutions and the public which depends on them.
- **Thank H.R. 3048 authors Rick Boucher (D-VA) and Tom Campbell (R-CA), and all cosponsors**, for their commitment to balancing protection for copyright owners with lawful access to information by students, teachers, library users, researchers, authors, and others.
- Ask **all others to cosponsor** H.R. 3048.
- Emphasize that, when copyright treaty legislation comes to the House floor, **all relevant amendments -- particularly those which affirm fair use -- should be in order.**
- Request that all members’ **support any “library-endorsed” amendment** to the copyright treaty legislation.

Intellectual Property Issues

WIPO Copyright Treaty and Implementing Legislation

Message for the Senate: Thanks to the leadership and key members of the Senate Judiciary Committee for recently opening and calling for successful negotiations on copyright law amendments to address the concerns of the library, education, and related communities. At this writing, progress is encouraging on some issues, but the full nature of the evolving copyright bill is still unknown. Judiciary Committee action on Chairman Orrin Hatch's (R-UT) as yet unnumbered Digital Millennium Copyright Act was scheduled for April 30.

Message for the House: Cosponsor H.R. 3048, the Boucher/Campbell Digital Era Copyright Enhancement Act. It would maintain balance in the Copyright Act while fully protecting fair use, digital preservation, library lending, distance learning, and access to the technology needed to engage in such activities.

Background

The debate over whether and how to update copyright law to reflect and encourage the development of digital networks, begun by the Clinton administration in 1995, is now in full swing in Congress where it is focused on new treaties produced in December 1996 by the World Intellectual Property Organization and how best to implement them in the United States. Because the WIPO copyright treaties are general in nature, their full impact upon the public and private sectors in the United States cannot be gauged unless and until a balanced package of related copyright legislation that enjoys broad support is crafted in both chambers of Congress.

ALA (and its 41 partners in the Digital Future Coalition) is strongly backing Sen. John Ashcroft's (R-MO) Digital Copyright Clarification and Technology Act (S. 1146) and similar House legislation by Reps. Rick Boucher (D-VA) and Tom Campbell (R-CA), the Digital Era Copyright Enhancement Act of 1997 (H.R. 3048).

Database Protection Legislation

Message: Oppose H.R. 2652 if it comes to the House floor for a vote, particularly if it is not able to be freely amended. The bill's broad new protections (in addition to copyright) are unjustified and overbroad. As now drafted, they would damage education and research and restrict use of many scientific and other databases now in the public domain.

Introduced by Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC), the chair of the House Courts and Intellectual Property Subcommittee, H.R. 2652 is a new and even more sweeping version of legislation proposed in 1996 to

protect databases, particularly those with insufficient originality to merit copyright protection. The Collection of Information Antipiracy Act is intended to supplement current copyright law, which already protects databases that meet the low threshold of "originality" established in the Supreme Court's Feist decision, by allowing database proprietors to seek damages from any party who "misappropriates" all or part of such material without authorization.

While H.R. 2652 is styled as misappropriation legislation, the bill would sweep far more broadly than traditional misappropriation case law would permit. ALA Executive Board member James Neal testified about library concerns on the bill at a subcommittee hearing last October on behalf of ALA, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, the Medical Library Association, and the Special Libraries Association. The bill was approved in March by both the subcommittee and the full House Judiciary Committee with limited changes intended to address concerns raised by the scientific, educational and library communities. ALA and many other major national library associations—as well as significant commercial database producers—continue, however, to oppose this legislation as unjustified and overbroad.

Copyright Term Extension Act

Message: Oppose S. 505 and H.R. 2589; the "exceptions" included for libraries and archives will not make works available in practice as intended. The result would reduce the public's access to the vast majority of material no longer commercially viable when older than the current "life of the author life plus 50 years," but yet lost to the public domain for a further 20 years.

Legislation has again been introduced in both House and Senate to extend the length of copyright protection by 20 years both for new and currently copyrighted works. Significantly, however, this year's primary version of the bill (S. 505 and H.R. 2589) does not propose covering works which remain unpublished. Moreover, it includes a special exception specifically intended to permit libraries and archives—under defined circumstances—to make more extensive use of copyrighted material not "subject to normal commercial exploitation" than fair use would most likely allow. The exception would apply during the new 20 year term of protection. To achieve its intent, however, the exception needs further fine tuning, which has been resisted by the House Judiciary Committee and major information proprietors.

Accordingly, shortly after the House Judiciary Committee approved the current flawed version of this major legislation, ALA and several other major national library associations announced for the first time their formal opposition to the bill. Nonetheless, the House on March 25 voted to approve the proposed 20 year extension of the copyright term.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has yet to consider its version of this bill in this Congress and, unless a compromise can be reached between parties to an unrelated dispute over the terms of music licensing in restaurants, further action on this bill is unlikely to occur before the 105th Congress adjourns in October 1998. ♦

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Library Telecommunications Discounts—Protect the E-rate

Message to Congress: The telecommunications discount program for libraries, schools, and rural health care providers is one of the most historic universal service programs. Mandated in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the program is intended to connect rural America and low-income communities. Tell Congress:

- ◆ **Don't cut funding for these discounts:** A \$2.25 billion annual cap was put on the part of the universal service fund designated for the school-library program. Maintain this funding and promote the rural health care initiatives.
- ◆ **Keep all eligible and necessary services in place:** Keep inside connections and related services that will make these networks reach to the end-users.
- ◆ **Keep the program moving forward and protect this as well as the entire universal service program:** Don't let policy disputes or debates over how to administer the program disrupt its implementation. It must move forward to assure every community is connected by the Year 2000.

Background:

There has been considerable congressional scrutiny of the e-rate program during the second session of the 105th Congress. A provision included in the Senate Supplemental Appropriations, S.1768, would require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to engage in a study to examine alternative administrative structures for the programs, determine appropriate levels of funding and propose consolidation of administrative entities. This bill, along with with the House Supplemental Appropriations bill (H.R. 3579), are now in conference.

The official time clock for the application window for libraries and schools to apply for the discounts and assure consideration began January 30, 1998. By the close of the initial 75-day window on April 15, SLC received some 30,000 complete applications. Only 15% of the applications received have no problems, about 10% are being rejected, 60-75% of the applications are either incomplete or inaccurate, but are not rejected.

This program has been of such interest that the SLC had to expand its staffing and the hours of operation to accommodate the over 62,000 callers to the help line. The SLC is tabulating the final numbers of applications submitted and the amount of support requested in this first cycle. That and other information will be incorporated into the report that the FCC will be making to Congress on May 8 as called for in S. 1768.

Key Information Resources for Universal Service:

The Universal Service program to provide discounts to libraries and schools is in flux. It is vitally important that state libraries, librarians, educators, and others interested in the program keep up to date on the latest developments.

WEBSITES:

*ALA Office for Information Technology
Policy (OITP)*

www.ala.org/oitp/getdisc.html
www.ala.org/washoff/alawon/

Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC)

www.neca.org/funds/faslc.htm
www.slcfund.org

Federal Communications Commission

www.fcc.gov/ccb/universal_service/
www.fcc.gov/learnnet/

*Education and Library Networks Coalition
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The Internet School Filtering Act, S. 1619

Message:

- ◆ **Respect local decision making; do not impose a single solution on schools and libraries.** The Internet School Filtering Act, S. 1619 (and a similar House bill, H.R. 3177) would deny to libraries and schools that do not use filtering or blocking software the eligibility to use telecommunications discounts under the Telecommunications Act.
- ◆ **A more acceptable approach would be to require local Internet use policies but to leave the details of these policies to local libraries and schools, their boards, and other appropriate authorities.**

Background:

The Senate Commerce Committee approved S. 1619, the Internet School Filtering Act, in March with the agreement that modifications would be made based upon proposals made by Sens. Conrad Burns (R-MT) and John Breaux (D-LA). At this time, discussions continue on how to incorporate elements of both the Burns and Breaux amendments into modified language.

As originally introduced in February by Committee Chair John McCain (R-AZ), S. 1619 would require libraries and schools to certify they have installed Internet filtering or blocking software in order to receive the E-rate telecommunications discounts authorized in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 under universal service provisions. The bill was cosponsored by Sens. Fritz Hollings (D-SC), Dan Coats (R-IN), Patty Murray (D-WA), Ted Stevens (R-AK), Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), and Herbert Kohl (D-WI).

Two proposals made as alternatives to S. 1619 are now forming the basis for negotiating modified language for the bill. Sen. Burns proposed an amendment that would require libraries and schools to certify that they have appropriate Internet local use policies in order to obtain the discounts (instead of requiring filtering.) His amendment was strongly supported by Sens. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) and Ron Wyden (D-OR). They argued that a federal mandate to use blocking software would interfere with local control and would not be flexible enough to allow for use of new technologies in the future. Sen. Burns and supporters proposed that local use policies are a more responsible method to deal with the complex issues of Internet safety and leave the responsibility for content and safety with local library boards, school boards, parents and local officials.

Another amendment proposed by Sen. Breaux would have required that schools and libraries use software that is narrowly targeted to meet First Amendment concerns, is responsive to the needs of different age groups, and provides the local flexibility to make appropriate content decisions.

In S. 1619 as introduced, libraries would be required to use a filtering system on one or more of their computers so that at least one computer will be appropriate for minors' use. Schools would have to install a filtering system on all of their computers so that objectionable online materials would not be accessible to students. Although not in the bill language, supporters of S. 1619 have suggested that they would make such filtering technology eligible for the E-rate discount.

The original bill also says that "determination of what matter is appropriate for minors shall be made by the school, school board, library or other authority responsible for making the required certification" and that no agency of the United States government may "establish criteria" or review the decisions made by a local governing board.

The Administration favors the approaches backed by Sens. Burns and Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) over that of Sen. McCain, according to the March 25 electronic publication, Telecom AM (see <http://www.telecommunications.com/am/>). The Vice President has also publicly endorsed the Burns alternative in a speech at the National PTA Legislative Conference. (The entire transcript of the Vice President's speech is available online at <http://www.pta.org/events/legconf2/goresp.html>.) Modification of S. 1619 was also supported in a March 16 *New York Times* editorial, which said, "...recognizing potential opposition from educators and librarians, Mr. McCain kept open the possibility that a compromise would be offered when the bill reached the Senate floor" ("Filtering the Internet", sec. A, pg. 24).

In the House, Rep. Bob Franks (R-NJ) introduced H.R. 3177, a bill essentially identical to S. 1619. Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA) introduced H.R. 3442, a bill that would require appropriate local use policies in order to benefit from the discounts. No action has been taken in the House on these bills.

While blocking and filtering products can be tools for parents to use at home, libraries serve all families and all library users in a given community with vastly differing information needs. In addition, filtering and blocking software does not protect children from all inappropriate materials and is overly broad at blocking appropriate sites used for legitimate library information services and school curricular support. Federally mandated blocking software cannot responsibly anticipate the information and curricular needs of a community or determine the best sources of information for any particular set of public or school library users. ♦

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Literacy Issues: The Reading Excellence Act; Adult Education Act Reauthorization

The Reading Excellence Act

Message: Pass the Children's literacy initiative before July 1. Add library amendments to the Senate version of the legislation.

Status:

The Reading Excellence Act, H.R. 2614, passed the House by voice vote last November. The bill would establish a competitive grant and subgrant program for states to obtain funds to improve the teaching of reading and to improve the reading and literacy skills of young children and families. In the Senate, a Labor and Human Resources Committee hearing on S. 1596, the companion bill introduced by Sen. Paul Coverdell (R-GA), was held on April 28. At the outset of the hearing Sen. Jim Jeffords (R-VT), chairman of the Committee, stated that "any reading legislation should be tied to libraries." Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) spoke of the issue of literacy and the need to pass legislation. He emphasized the important role libraries can play and do play in the history of this country. Sen. Reed, later in the discussion, said that libraries are a "crucial resource". He said there were no book stores in his community in South Providence but there was a public library. A number of Senators mentioned the need to instruct health care providers, day care providers and HeadStart programs of the need to introduce reading activities and materials in their programs.

In the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, library amendments offered by Rep. Dale Kildee (D-MI) were adopted by voice vote. One would add a school or public library that offers reading or literacy programs for children or families to the list of optional members of a state's Reading and Literacy Partnership. The other would give a funding priority to applicants which demonstrate that they have a contractual association with one or more public libraries providing reading or literacy services to preschool children or preschool children and their families.

ALA has suggested library amendments to the Senate Committee. Such amendments, if accepted, would require grant applicants to conduct an assessment of the availability of reading materials within schools providing literacy services and include in their application a plan for assuring adequate supplies of age appropriate books and other reading materials. Another amendment would add purchase of reading materials to be used by children and families being served by Even Start grants.

It is expected that the Administration may also have amendments to offer on the Senate bill, since both Senate and House bills take a different direction in focusing on reading teachers than does the Administration's original America Reads Challenge legislation.

Authorization:

H.R. 2614 would authorize \$260 million in each of fiscal years 1998, 1998, and 2000 for grants to states for reading programs. States must use 95% of their funds in subgrants to local educational agencies for local reading improvement and for tutorial assistance. Small amounts of the total

appropriated would be used for the peer review panel, a national assessment, dissemination activities, and Even Start family literacy programs.

Funding:

Under FY98 law, \$210 million will be used for a children's literacy program in FY99 only if authorizing legislation passes before July 1. The Administration's FY99 budget requests an additional \$50 million.

Adult Education Act/Vocational Training/Literacy Programs

***Message:* Renew the Adult Education Act and related literacy and vocational training programs.**

Status:

H.R.1385, The Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act passed the House in May of 1997, but movement was slow during the first session of the 105th Congress. The Senate bill, S. 1186, The Workforce Investment Partnership Act of 1997, was amended and reported out of committee on October 15, 1997, and may see Senate floor action in the next week. Because the Senate and House bills are different, a conference committee will meet to confer on differences in the bills before final passage. This bill is a major reauthorization of the Adult Education Act and includes vocational education as well. Title II of the bill, Adult Education and Literacy, includes a library as an "eligible provider" of literacy services in section 2, Definitions. Funds in Title II would go to the State Department of Education and be distributed through a grant process. The Adult Education Act also includes a section on literacy activities to be carried out by the National Institute for Literacy.

Title III of the bill, Workforce Investment and Related Activities includes allotments to states for adult employment and training activities, dislocated worker employment and training and youth activities. This section describes "one-stop customer service centers" where core services, access to training, authorized job search, placement, recruitment services will be provided.

Funding:

Authorization levels are listed as "such sums" which leaves the amount to be set by appropriators. The Adult Education State grant program is currently funded at \$345 million. The literacy community is asking for increased appropriations for FY99 to \$500 million.

Action Needed:

Library supporters can contact their Senators regarding the passage of these bills by calling the Capitol Switchboard at: 202-224-3121. The members of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee are:

Senators Jim Jeffords (R-VT) Chair; Dan Coats (R-IN); Judd Gregg (R-NH); Bill Frist (R-TN); Mike DeWine (R-OH); Michael Enzi (R-WY); Tim Hutchinson (R-AR); Susan Collins (R-ME); John Warner (R-VA); Mitch McConnell (R-KY); Edward Kennedy (D-MA); Christopher Dodd (D-CT); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Jeff Bingaman (D-NM); Paul Wellstone (D-MN); Patty Murray (D-WA); Jack Reed (D-RI).

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President's FY99 Budget Proposal: Action Needed

Action needed:

In this second year of funding for the Library Services and Technology Act, it is particularly important for Congress to fund library programs at \$160 million. A strong investment will connect more libraries to the Internet, support literacy for young children and adults, help libraries provide job and consumer health information, serve small business, and provide information for lifelong learning.

School and public libraries provide not only up-to-date materials, but library professionals to teach students information-seeking skills. It is therefore critical to fund ESEA Title VI at least at the FY98 level of \$350 million, since at least 40 percent of this block grant is spent on school library and other instructional materials.

Library supporters should contact their Representatives and Senators about the importance of FY99 funding for these programs. The U.S. Capitol Switchboard phone number is (202) 224-3121. E-mail also can be effective. For a directory of Congressional e-mail addresses, consult the Library of Congress web page at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/global/legislative/email.html>.

Background:

On February 2, 1998 President Clinton's FY99 budget was released. The FY99 budget includes major increases in funding for education programs with significant attention paid to a variety of new Presidential initiatives. Those initiatives include: reducing class size and recruitment of new teachers, improving school facilities infrastructure, increasing the amounts of Pell Grants, and adding a \$70 million increase to work study grants and technology.

- ◆ Library program funding for FY99 would be set at \$146 million, the same as appropriations for FY98. Now in its second year, the Library Services and Technology Act is not authorized at a dollar amount but rather "such sums" as the Congress determines. An increase in library program funding to \$160 million for FY99 would allow more libraries in every state to connect to the Internet and support literacy for young children and adults. According to the *ALA/NCLIS 1997 National Survey of U.S. Public Libraries and the Internet*, only nine percent of public libraries provide World Wide Web access to the public in all branch libraries. While the "e-rate" discounts will help increase connections to the Web, libraries must also invest in computers, content, and competencies. An increase in funding to \$160 million would also help libraries provide job and consumer health information, serve small business and provide information for lifelong learning. The U.S. Department of Education's *1994 National Adult Literacy Survey* found that between 23 and 27 million adults performed at or below the fifth-grade level in reading and math.
- ◆ Although no legislation is completed on the subject of children's literacy, the President's budget adds \$50 million to the \$210 million approved in FY98 for a literacy initiative. However, the budget fails to fund ESEA Title VI, the block grant which many school libraries depend upon for materials. School librarians and public librarians are well aware of the need for a variety of materials to interest young children and students in reading. Because of strong House leadership and "grassroots" support, Title VI was funded at \$350 million in FY98.
- ◆ The Administration's continuing emphasis on technology is reflected in proposed funding for: the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund at \$495 million, Education Technology Part A at \$116 million, and three programs which will require legislation to be enacted—Teacher Training in Technology at \$75 million, Community Based Technology Centers at \$10 million, and Technology Leadership Activities at \$2 million.

FY99 Budget Request for Federal Library and Related Programs

	FY98 Budget Req.	FY98 Approp.	FY99 Budget Req.
LIBRARY PROGRAMS <i>(amounts in thousands)</i>			
GPO Superintendent of Documents	\$ 30,477	\$ 29,077	\$ 30,200
Library of Congress	387,600 ¹	376,719 ²	397,002 ³
Library Services and Technology Act (or predecessor)	136,370	146,340	146,340
National Agricultural Library	19,000	19,000	19,000
National Commission on Libraries and Information Science	1,123	1,000	1,000
National Library of Medicine (includes MLAA)	153,000	161,185	174,725
LIBRARY-RELATED PROGRAMS <i>(amounts in thousands)</i>			
Adult Education and Literacy	394,000	360,551	394,000
ESEA title I, Education for Disadvantaged	8,077,266	8,012,112	8,480,892
<i>ESEA title I - B, Even Start</i>	108,000	124,000	114,982
ESEA title II-A - Eisenhower professional development Federal activities	30,000	23,300	50,000
ESEA title II-B - Eisenhower professional development State grants	360,000	335,000	335,000
ESEA title III, Educational Technology	545,035 ⁴	584,035	721,000
<i>Technology Literacy Challenge Fund</i>	425,000	425,000	475,000
<i>Star Schools - part B</i>	26,000	34,000	34,000
ESEA title VI - Innovative education program strategies State grants	0	350,000	0
ESEA title X-I - 21st Century Community Learning Centers	50,000	40,000	200,000
Education of Handicapped Children (state grants)	3,947,539	4,531,695	4,554,685
Educational Research & Dissemination	134,535	128,567	178,567
Educational Statistics	66,250	59,000	68,000
Educational Assessment	38,373	35,471	40,000
Goals 2000	620,000	491,000	501,000
HEA title III, Institutional Development	202,071	210,945	252,500
HEA title IV-C, College Work-Study	857,000	830,000	900,000
HEA title VI, International Education	60,251	60,351	61,117
HEA title X-A, Postsecondary Education Improvement Fund	18,000	25,200	22,500
Inexpensive Book Distribution (RIF)	12,000	12,000	13,000
Literacy Initiative (proposed legislation such as Am. Reads)	260,000	210,000	260,000 ⁵
Museum Grants	26,000	23,280 ⁶	26,000
NTIA Information Infrastructure Grants (TIAP)	36,000	20,000	22,000
National Archives and Records Administration	206,479	205,167	230,025
National Endowment for the Arts	136,000	98,000	136,000
National Endowment for the Humanities	136,000	110,700	136,000
National Historical Publications and Records Commission	4,000	5,500	6,000
¹ Includes authority to obligate \$30.4 million in receipts ² Includes authority to obligate \$30.3 million in receipts ³ Includes authority to obligate \$27.67 million in receipts ⁴ Includes funds for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund (sec. 3132) requested under Education Reform for FY 1998 ⁵ Includes \$210 million permanent authority from FY98 ⁶ Includes \$1 million for joint library/museum projects under LSTA National Leadership Projects grants.			

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Library Postal Rate Case Enters Home Stretch

Message to Congress:

- ◆ **Protect the library postal rate.** The library rate used for sending books and films among libraries and to rural and homebound users would increase 26.53% if the U.S. Postal Service pending request is approved. This would mean the cost of a typical 3-lb. book package would have risen 117% in little more than 4 years—making the preferred nonprofit library rate higher than the commercial book rate!
- ◆ **Adopt alternative library rate increase in pending rate case.** The Postal Rate Commission's Office of Consumer Advocate has proposed alternative and more modest library rate increases. To support this alternative, legislators and library supporters can write to: *Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman, U.S. Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H St., N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20268-0001.*
- ◆ **Support a revised H.R. 22 postal reform bill with recommendations from nonprofit mailers.** House Postal Service Subcommittee chairman John McHugh(R-NY) is preparing a revision to his bill. The Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers and ALA have recommended that all future changes in nonprofit postal rates be limited to the same percentage as the corresponding commercial rate, assuming that legislation also requires the library rate to be set at enactment at an appropriate percentage below the commercial book rate.

Background

The Postal Rate Commission has now completed its hearings on postal rate increases proposed in July 1997 by the U.S. Postal Service. The PRC's recommendations on rate changes are expected to be announced during the second week of May. Their recommendations will be made to the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors who then make the decision on changes to postal rates.

LIBRARY RATE	POSTAGE			% INCREASE	
	1994	1995-Present	Proposed	Present to Proposed	1994 to Proposed
First Pound	\$0.66	\$1.12	\$1.44	28.57%	118.18%
Each adtl. lb. through 7 lbs.	.24	.42	.52	23.81%	116.66%
Each adtl. lb. over 7 lbs.	.12	.22	.25	13.64%	108.33%
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Typical 3-lb. library rate pkg.	\$1.14	\$1.96	\$2.48	26.53%	117.54%

The U.S. Postal Service proposed a 28.57% increase for the first pound of the library rate as part of its July 1997 request to the Postal Rate Commission to change postal rates. Such a drastic increase inevitably would lead to cuts in library services, especially in rural areas. The American Library Association is participating in the pending postal rate case to challenge the proposed increases in the library rate, increases much higher than the average 4.5% proposed across all types of domestic mail.

Importance of the library rate. The library rate is used for mailing books and other library and educational materials among libraries, schools, colleges, museums, and other nonprofit entities at less than commercial rates. This same rate is used by libraries for interlibrary loans, delivery of books reserved by users, and books-by-mail programs which provide books for rural, isolated and homebound users. In rural areas especially, there are rarely alternative delivery mechanisms available.

Proposed increases. The new rates, if adopted, are expected to be implemented sometime between June and October 1998. The current and proposed USPS rate schedules and classification changes were published by the Postal Rate Commission in the July 23 *Federal Register*, pp. 39660-709. Although a table (p. 39661) states the library postal rate increase at 13.1%, the proposed rate changes are much higher in the standard mail rate schedules for the library rate (p. 39695).

Increase of 117.5% in a little more than 3 years. The proposed increases in the library postal rate come on top of a 69.9% increase in 1995—a marginal improvement over the 73.7% requested by USPS in the last rate adjustment. In 1995, a typical 3-lb. library rate package increased from \$1.14 to \$1.96. If the 1997 request by USPS were accepted, that same 3-lb. package would cost \$2.48 to mail—a 117.5% increase in a little more than 3 years.

ALA's participation. ALA is an intervenor in the rate case proceeding. With the assistance of the postal attorney who also represents the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, a coalition to which ALA belongs, the Washington Office has filed specific questions to the USPS and has interrogated USPS witnesses.

The litigation team working with the Alliance and ALA attempted for months to analyze the USPS data which the agency claims prove that the costs of nonprofit and library rate mail have increased much faster than the costs of commercial rate mail. The USPS claims that the costs to handle and deliver a nonprofit, letter-sized fundraising appeal have soared, while the costs of handling an identical commercial letter-sized advertising piece have dropped dramatically.

Something similar seems to be happening with the library rate. USPS has yet to explain how the library rate, a preferred rate, can exceed the commercial book rate for a piece of the same size, shape and weight. In one of its questions, ALA asked USPS to identify any audits, studies, changes in costing data and collection systems, and other efforts taken since the last rate case in 1994 to improve the accuracy of USPS attributable cost data for library rate mail. USPS responded: "There were no efforts directed specifically to measurement of the costs of Library Rate."

Consumer Advocate proposes lower library rates. In testimony filed on December 30, 1997, the PRC's Office of Consumer Advocate asked the Commission to reject the massive increases proposed for the library rate by the USPS. The Consumer Advocate found that the requested increases are based on scanty and unreliable cost data. Instead, the Consumer Advocate would base the library rate on cost data for the regular book subclass. Applying the library rate markup data to those costs would produce rates that are comparable to, or even lower than, the rates that are now in effect.

The Office of Consumer Advocate repeated its recommendation to the PRC on April 10 when it filed a document highly critical of the Postal Service treatment of library rate mail, stating that the requested rates "will result in the virtual elimination of library rate mail...a category of mail deemed worthy of special status by Congress and awarded preferential treatment by statute." The document stated, "The OCA does not see elimination of a preferred subclass as an appropriate method of ameliorating outrageous rate increases." The OCA further said, "Contrary to its claim on brief, in reality, it is the Postal Service's proposal which would have 'seriously detrimental rate results for the Library rate subclass.'"

ALA files brief endorsing the Consumer Advocate proposal. On April 1, ALA filed a brief with the Postal Rate Commission requesting that if the PRC determines that some rate changes are appropriate, then the Commission should adopt the cost method proposed by the PRC's Office of Consumer Advocate for the library rate mail, which would result in much less drastic increases. Further, ALA stated, "the Postal Service's failure of proof with respect to its overall revenue requirement warrants rejection of the entire rate request..."

ALA also joined the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers and the Coalition of Religious Press Associations in filing a joint reply brief with the PRC on April 10 that asserted the rate changes proposed by the Postal Service should be denied. The three organizations argued that the Postal Service's favorable financial performance this year has demolished the financial projections underlying USPS' rate request increases.

Congressional developments. Rep. John McHugh (R-NY), chair of the House Postal Service Subcommittee (under the Government Reform and Oversight Committee), requested public input this spring on a revision to his postal reform bill (H.R. 22). The Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers and ALA recommended that all future changes in nonprofit postal rates be limited to the same percentage as the corresponding commercial rate, assuming that legislation also requires the library rate to be set at enactment at an appropriate percentage below the commercial book rate. This would be a fair and easily understood solution which would vastly simplify future postal rate proceedings. ♦

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Library Associations' Present Legislative Proposal on Depository Library Law

As Congress began considering various options to revise the law governing government printing, information dissemination and depository libraries, the American Library Association organized an inter-association working group to develop a legislative proposal to amend the Depository Library Act (44 USC 19). The proposal, delivered to Congress in early June 1997, included a draft bill, the "**Federal Information Access Act of 1997**," which proposes a comprehensive rewrite of chapter 19.

In December 1997 and March 1998, the working group sent revised legislative proposals to Congress with changes resulting from discussions and developments during the past nine months. The "**Federal Information Access Act of 1998**" would:

- ◆ Enhance public access to government information in all formats from all three branches of government;
- ◆ Strengthen the Federal Depository Library Program to improve public access to government information;
- ◆ Ensure that the public has continuous and permanent access to electronic government information.

Highlights of Library Proposal:

- ◆ Recommends changing the name of the Federal Depository Library to the Federal Information Access Program, and the name of participating libraries to federal information access libraries.
- ◆ Allows for more flexibility in the library designation process.
- ◆ Includes important provisions necessary to ensure that the program will function efficiently and effectively in the electronic age.
- ◆ Clarifies through new definitions that the scope of the program includes government information in all current or future media formats from all three branches of government.
- ◆ Reinforces the requirements that all government information products should be provided for no-fee public access through depository libraries.
- ◆ Proposes elevating the office of the Superintendent of Documents to a presidential appointment.
- ◆ Proposes that the Superintendent of Documents be vested with authority to develop regulations and to coordinate the adoption of standards and guidelines to implement the Federal Information Access Program.
- ◆ Confers on the Superintendent of Documents a new responsibility for coordinating continuous and permanent public access to electronic government information products, extending the role traditionally performed by the regional depository libraries into the electronic age.

The draft bill is on the IAWG web site at <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/iawgpage.html>

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Additionally, the following recommendations were made for inclusion in other chapters of the revised Title 44 *USC* in order to best serve the interests of the American public:

- ◆ Continue strong congressional oversight of government information policies and practices, including an annual hearing on agency compliance with the provisions of Title 44, and the bipartisan, bicameral support that the Federal Depository Library Program has enjoyed from dedicated members of the Joint Committee on Printing.
- ◆ Create mechanisms to enforce compliance with the provisions of the law in each branch of government, and develop a uniform, coordinated set of regulations and guidelines to govern printing, dissemination and public access.
- ◆ Develop government-wide standards, policies, and guidelines to assist agencies in all three branches of government to recognize their responsibilities for the life cycle of electronic government information.
- ◆ Provide a central appropriation through the Superintendent of Documents that is sufficient to maintain the program at the level necessary to comply with the statutory requirements of this law and the new costs brought about by electronic technologies.

Goals for Revising Title 44 Developed:

The library organizations and Congress share the commitment to revise Title 44 to improve the public's ability to access and use information already paid for by their tax dollars. To achieve that end, the working group developed a set of Goals for Revising *USC* Title 44 to Enhance Public Access to Federal Government Information. The draft bill incorporates these goals:

- ◆ The law must broaden, strengthen, and enhance public access to all forms of government information.
- ◆ The law must strengthen the role of the Superintendent of Documents and the Federal Depository Library Program in providing public access to government information.
- ◆ The law must establish the affirmative responsibility of the federal government to preserve and provide permanent public access to its information, and to develop regulations and guidelines to ensure the authenticity of government information.

These goals and explanatory text can be found at
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/iawgpg2.html#documents>

National Associations Working Together:

ALA and other library groups have participated actively in the policy debates with federal agency and congressional players. Recognizing that the use of new electronic technologies presents many new challenges and opportunities for the federal government, for libraries and users of government information, seven library organizations joined in the effort to develop a legislative proposal intended to improve public access to government information. These organizations are: the American Association of Law Libraries, American Library Association and representatives of several of its divisions and round tables, Association of Research Libraries, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Medical Library Association, Special Libraries Association, and Urban Libraries Council. ◆

Public Access to Government Information

Message to Congress:

Work with librarians to strengthen and fund the Federal Depository Library Program. Libraries in nearly every congressional district are partners with Congress to ensure constituents no-fee public access to government information in print and electronic formats through the FDLP administered by the Government Printing Office. The Joint Committee on Printing is working on a proposal to revise Title 44 *US Code* governing the distribution of information through depository libraries. Library groups have developed a consensus legislative proposal, and ask that Congress work with librarians, the specialists in how the public uses government information, to strengthen and improve the FDLP. Legislative Branch appropriations fund the program, which needs the full \$30.2 million requested by GPO for FY99.

Background

For decades, Congress has been considering revising Title 44 of the *United States Code*, the statute that governs printing and public dissemination of government information. Several bills have been introduced in recent years in Congress that would revise this law, but none has been enacted. Currently, the staff of the Joint Committee on Printing is working on a legislative proposal to revise the printing and publication law. There are three main goals for reform of Title 44:

- ◆ Resolve constitutional issues regarding the appropriate roles of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches in the production of government publications and other printing,
- ◆ Improve efficiency and economy in the production of government publications and the printing of government materials, including increasing reliance on private sector procurement, and
- ◆ Enhance public access to government publications in the electronic era, while ensuring that a safety net exists for those without computer technology.

The Inter-Association Working Group

For the past year, as congressional staff and OMB officials worked on a legislative proposal, ALA and other library groups have participated actively in the policy debates. The Inter-Association Working Group on government information policy, organized by ALA in January 1997, developed a legislative proposal to revise the depository library law that was sent to Congress. (See the ALA Washington Office Issue Brief, "Library associations' present legislative proposal on depository library law" at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/fdlp.html>.)

The Inter-Association Working Group represents seven national library organizations: the American Association of Law Libraries, American Library Association and representatives of several of its divisions and round tables, Association of Research Libraries, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Medical Library Association, Special Libraries Association, and Urban Libraries Council. The goals, principles, and legislative proposal they have developed can be found at <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/iawgpage.html>

History

The public's right of access to government information is a cornerstone of our democratic society. Libraries in nearly every congressional district are partners with Congress in making sure their constituents have no-fee, public access to government information in print and electronic formats through the Federal Depository Library Program administered by the Government Printing Office. Legislative Branch appropriations make this possible.

Expert service is provided daily in the almost 1,400 depository libraries throughout the nation. These libraries invest funds for staff, space and equipment to provide the public with ready, efficient and no-fee access to government information. Libraries are equally committed to providing access to the broad and growing array of electronic products and services—all of which require a further investment in equipment, additional and highly trained technical staff, and greater service requirements to assist library users.

Congress and the Executive Branch have indicated that increasing amounts of government information will be made available electronically. Printing costs are likely to shift to the depositories which will be expected to access, download, and print documents for users who need them. Today printing costs are borne up-front by GPO through appropriated funds. Then the information is distributed through a centralized, coordinated government information program that has provided public access to government information for more than a century. Financially strapped libraries cannot necessarily assume the costs of printing millions of pages of government information.

Congress Considers Funding for Federal Depository Libraries

ALA Committee on Legislation Chair Patricia Wand testified in February before the House Appropriations Legislative Subcommittee chaired by Rep. James Walsh (R-NY). She supported the Public Printer's FY99 budget request of \$30.2 million for the Superintendent of Documents Salaries and Expenses appropriations, a slight increase over current funding. Most of these funds would be used to support public access to government information in multiple formats through the nation's nearly 1,400 Federal Depository Libraries. The Senate also has completed its hearings. Committee mark up is expected soon in the House Legislative Subcommittee.

Legislation Introduced to Put CRS Documents on the Internet

Bills introduced in the House and Senate would require the director of the Congressional Research Service to make accessible to the public, via the Internet, all information available through the CRS web site that is not confidential. This includes CRS issue briefs, reports, and authorization of appropriations products. The Senate bill, S. 1578, was introduced by Senator John McCain (R-AZ) in January. Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) is the principal sponsor of H.R. 3131, a similar House bill. Currently CRS does not have a publicly available Web site.

During its Midwinter Meeting, ALA passed a resolution about CRS publications urging that the Joint Committee on the Library, the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and the House Oversight Committee take immediate action to assure that publicly released CRS reports and information products are distributed in a timely manner to the general public through Federal Depository Libraries and on the Internet.

GODORT prepares "Virtual Packet" for Legislative Day

The Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of the American Library Association has a Web site with additional information at <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/GODORT/legday98.html>
