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**RESOLUTION ON THE H.R. 1300 AND S. 2320, THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT**

**WHEREAS, The 50,000-member American Library Association in 1990 adopted a "Library Services for the Poor" policy which enjoins ALA and the library profession to promote "implementation of...national health insurance" as a means of reducing poverty; and**

**WHEREAS, Representative Marty Russo and Senator Paul Wellstone have introduced legislation to establish a system of single-payer, Canadian-style national health insurance which has already been supported by the American Public Health Association, Children's Defense Fund, Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, National Association of Social Workers, National Council of Senior Citizens, Physicians for a National Health Program, and many unions, including AFSCME and the ILGWU; therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorse H.R. 1300 and S. 2320, the Universal Health Care Act; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Representative Russo, Senator Wellstone, and the library press.**



**ADOPTED BY THE  
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA)  
July 1, 1992**

*Peggy Sullivan*

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Secretary to ALA Council**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
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**RESOLUTION ON HR 1300 AND S. 2320, THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT (CD#57).** Councilor Bernard Margolis, Resolutions Committee Chair, presented CD#57, and Council then

**VOTED,** That the American Library Association endorse H.R. 1300 and S. 2320, the Universal Health Care Act; and that copies of this resolution be sent to Representative Russo, Senator Wellstone, and the library press.

**RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE COUNCIL TO REAFFIRM ALA'S OPPOSITION TO LOYALTY OATHS AND TESTS (CD#58).** Councilors Regina U. Minudri and Gordon Conable moved, and it was

**VOTED,** To substitute CD#58 with CD#18.1.2.

Council then

**VOTED,** That we, the American Library Association, protest conditions of employment predicated on inquiries into library employees' thoughts, reading matter, associates, or membership in organizations. We also strongly protest compulsory affirmations of allegiance as a condition of employment in libraries. We call on libraries not to impose loyalty tests or oaths as conditions of employment.

**RESOLUTION ON THE DEPORTATION OF BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN OMAR SAFI (CD#59).** Council wanted to know whether Mr. Al-Safi was a librarian. Council granted David Williams, sponsor of the resolution, an opportunity to answer the question. Mr. Williams said that each country determines its own criteria for what constitutes a librarian, and in the occupied West Bank of Gaza, a person holding a masters degree in Arabic qualifies. He said that Mr. Al-Safi had been employed as a librarian at the Bir Zeit University for ten years.

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**ALA MEMBERSHIP MEETING I  
Monday, June 29, 1992, 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Marriott, Buena Vista**

**INTRODUCTIONS.** President Patricia Glass Schuman introduced newly elected 1992-93 President-Elect Hardy R. Franklin, Treasurer-Elect Ann K. Symons; 1991-92 President-Elect Marilyn L. Miller, Parliamentarian Edwin C. Bliss, Executive Director Peggy Sullivan, ALA staff members assisting with these meetings, and guests.

President Schuman also announced that ALA Honorary Membership had been bestowed on Joseph Becker. Mr. Becker worked to involve ALA in two World's Fairs (Seattle in 1962 and New York in 1966) and played a crucial role in developing concepts for ALA's participation in the design of the exhibits. He was also instrumental in incorporating computer technologies into them and in obtaining participation of corporate partners. Mr. Becker played a similar role in gaining corporate participation in the 1979 White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. He has authored several books introducing computer-based library and information operations and services to the field and to the general public. Recently, he has played an important role in the development of the National Information Network, now coming to fruition in NREN. He has been a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and has served the profession in positions of responsibility in several library and professional associations.

**QUORUM.** A quorum was established at the beginning of each meeting.

**AWARDS.** Diane Gordon Kadanoff, chair, ALA Awards Committee, conducted the awards presentation. A list of the award recipients follows:

**David Clift Scholarship**

**Donna Marie Majchrzak, part-time employee for WNED-TV in a Children's Educational Television Program, "Reading Rainbow," West Seneca, NY; and Paul Scott Piper, technician at the University of Montana Mansfield Library, Missoula, MT.**

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<b>Grolier Foundation Award</b>	<b>Effie Lee Morris, San Francisco, CA</b>
<b>The World Book--ALA Goal Award</b>	<b>Washington and Idaho Library Associations</b>
<b>Joseph W. Lippincott Award</b>	<b>John N. Berry, III, Editor, <i>Library Journal</i>, New York, NY</b>

**RESOLUTION ON THE DIRECT ELECTION OF ALL ALA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (MD#1, Exhibit 40)** ALA Member F. William Summers moved that the remaining two-thirds of the elected Executive Board positions be subject to the direct vote of the membership. A substitute motion to refer MD#1 to the proposed self-study committee was **DEFEATED**. It was then moved to amend the original motion by deleting all words after the word "be" in the resolved clause and substituting: "nominated from Council and elected by the membership." The amendment was **DEFEATED**, and the membership returned to the original motion which was also **DEFEATED**.

**RESOLUTION ON WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN (MD#3, Exhibit 26A).** On motion by ALA members Sanford Berman and Christopher Dodge, it was

**VOTED**, That the American Library Association censure the H.W. Wilson Company for this flagrant act of censorship; commend Mary Jo Godwin for her personal integrity and outstanding commitment to intellectual freedom; urge the immediate reinstatement of Manley and Godwin, together with public apologies by the Wilson Company to both persons; encourage all libraries and individuals to immediately cancel their WLB subscriptions and ask all other WLB contributors to boycott the magazine unless and until Manley and Godwin are reinstated with apologies; and be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the H.W. Wilson Company and library press.

**RESOLUTION ON THE HEALTH CARE ACT (MD#4, Exhibit 26B).** On motion by ALA members Sanford Berman and Christopher Dodge, it was

**VOTED**, That the American Library Association endorse H.R. 1300 and S. 2320, the Universal Health Care Act; and that copies of this resolution be sent to Representative Russo, Senator Wellstone, and the library press.