

(2) EXECUTIVE ORDERS RESTRICTING THE RIGHT TO KNOW (MD#2) - Exhibit 26c. Ms. Hightower pointed out that the Committee brings this resolution to Council because the whereas clauses contain policy implications. On motion by Joan Higbee/Elizabeth Morrissett it was

VOTED, That the ALA record its official objection to the Presidential Directive on Safeguarding National Security Information of March 11, 1983, and Further, That ALA send a copy of its objection to that directive to President Reagan with a request that it be rescinded, and Further, That ALA initiate and/or join with other groups to support efforts in the courts and the Congress to have that directive countermanded, and Further, That ALA publicize its actions in the general press as well as the library press, and Further, That ALA urge its members and interested citizens to send letters to their legislators informing them of the present danger to the right to know and requesting legislation that will nullify presidential orders which threaten that traditional right, and Further, That ALA urge librarians to renew their efforts to inform their communities of the dangers that threaten the right to know. These efforts should include the use of exhibits, programs, and other appropriate public information services.

A copy of the Membership Meeting Action Resume (including the reports of the President and the Executive Director and Resolutions of non policy nature which were not brought to Council) is attached for information as Exhibit 26d. Ms. Hightower pointed out that the Committee felt the additional Membership actions (relating to the Treasurer's report, and a request for a device to assist members in framing resolutions) are administrative matters that should be handled by the Executive Board and/or staff.

A NATION AT RISK. (See p. 137). With consent of Council, on motion by William DeJohn/Gerald Shields, it was

VOTED, That Council direct the ALA President to appoint a special committee to examine the report, A NATION AT RISK, in relationship to the ALA Goals and Priorities and report back to Council at Dallas ways in which ALA as an Association can work toward creating a learning society which recognizes and supports libraries as integral elements of that society.

ALA WASHINGTON OFFICE REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

Legislation Committee Resolutions passed by ALA COUNCIL January 12 & 13, 1983:	Implementation Action	Recommended Disposition
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| 1. Reauthorization of LSCA - CD #11.1                            | Attached to 2/3/83<br><u>ALA Washington</u><br>Newsletter; Trans-<br>mitted 2/13 by<br>R. Wedgeworth to<br>Rep. Simon, Chm.,<br>House Postsecondary<br>Education Subcommittee.  | Retain |
| 2. Emergency Mathematics and Science<br>Education Act - CD #11.2 | Attached to 2/3/83<br><u>ALA Washington</u><br>Newsletter; Attached<br>to statement of<br>Dorothy M. Blake to<br>House Subcommittees<br>on Elem., Secondary,<br>& Voc. Edu. on HR 30,<br>Emergency Mathematics<br>& Science Act.  | Retain |
| 3. Government Agencies on Access to<br>Information - CD #11.3    | Attached to 3/15/83<br><u>ALA Washington</u><br>Newsletter; Trans-<br>mitted to cabinet<br>secretaries; to<br>Christopher DeMuth,<br>Admin., Office of<br>Regulatory Affairs;<br>David Stockman, Dir.,<br>OMB; Chairs of the<br>Senate Rules Com., &<br>Governmental Affairs;<br>Chairs of House Admin.,<br>Com. & Government Opers;<br>Sen. Mathias, Chm., Jt.<br>Com. on Printing; Rep.<br>Hawkins, Chm., Jt. Com.<br>on Printing; & Danford<br>Sawyer, U.S. Public<br>Printer. | Retain |

Adopted by ALA Council January 12, 1983:

Federal Legislative Policy Statement  
(revised 1983)

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## EXECUTIVE ORDERS RESTRICTING THE RIGHT TO KNOW

- WHEREAS, President Reagan has issued a number of executive orders which directly and indirectly restrict access to information and, therefore, the public's right to know; and
- WHEREAS, One of those executive orders, The Presidential Directive on Safeguarding National Security Information of March 11, 1983, requires hundreds of thousands of government employees in the executive branch to sign lifetime nondisclosure agreements and to submit all writings and speeches to official censors for prior review; and
- WHEREAS, This directive will gravely restrict the flow of information which citizens need in order to engage in consideration, debate and voting on issues relating to the national government; NOW THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association record its official objection to the Presidential Directive on Safeguarding National Security Information of March 11, 1983; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That ALA send a copy of its objection to that directive to President Reagan with a request that it be rescinded; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That ALA initiate and/or join with other groups to support efforts in the courts and the Congress to have that directive countermanded; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That ALA publicize its actions in the general press as well as the library press; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That ALA urge its members and interested citizens to send letters to their legislators informing them of the present danger to the right to know and requesting legislation that will nullify presidential orders which threaten that traditional right; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That ALA urge librarians to renew their efforts to inform their communities of the dangers that threaten the right to know. These efforts should include the use of exhibits, programs, and other appropriate public information services.

ACTIONS

ADOPTED the Rules by consent.

ADOPTED the Agenda by consent

ATTACH State of the Association Report

Attach President's Report

Galloway in presenting MD#2, RESOLUTION ON EXECUTIVE ORDERS RESTRICTING THE RIGHT TO KNOW amended third WHEREAS, second line, striking second word (public), and in final RESOLVED, substituted for the last three words (traditional library methods) "appropriate public information practices." Intellectual Freedom Committee and GODORT endorsed the Resolution, and with the amendments THE RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED: RESOLVED, That the American Library Association record its official objection to the Presidential Directive on Safeguarding National Security Information of March 11, 1983; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That ALA send a copy of its objection to that directive to President Reagan with a request that it be rescinded; AND BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, That ALA initiate and/or join with other groups to support efforts in the courts and the Congress to have that directive countermanded; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That ALA publicize its actions in the general press as well as the library press; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That ALA urge its members and interested citizens to send letters to their legislators informing them of the present danger to the right to know and requesting legislation that will nullify presidential orders which threaten that traditional right; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That ALA urge librarians to renew their efforts to inform their communities of the dangers that threaten the right to know. These efforts should include the use of exhibits, programs, and other appropriate public information services. (Brought to Council by Resolutions Committee; Council adopted.)

Barbara Kile, Chair, GODORT introduced MD#3 on CD#35 concerning assessments to Round Tables. Amendments to add after the final Resolved clause "by including discussion and acceptance in principle by the governing bodies" and to strike from that "in Principle", and to strike "with input" from the Resolved paragraph were DEFEATED, and the Resolution as presented was ADOPTED: RESOLVED, That Council Document #35 be referred back to COPEs and the Executive Board for further consideration with input and approval from the Round Tables.

ADOPTED MEMORIAL TRIBUTE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE LATE ELI M. OBOLER, ANDREW H. HORN AND MERIDITH BLOSS AND PAID TRIBUTE ALSO TO THE LATE THEODORE C. HINES AND CONSTANCE WINCHELL AND A RESOLUTION HONORING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO C.J. HOY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POSITION OF ALA CONFERENCE MANAGER.

APPROVED amendment to Constitution Article IX by striking the first word (All).