

Advocates and Influencers:

How CALL Members Can Impact the New Congress
and New Administration

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- II. Law Library Issues in the 115th Congress
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AALL Public Policy Priorities

- I. Access to justice
- II. Balance in copyright
- III. Greater access to government information
- IV. Openness in government
- V. Protection of privacy

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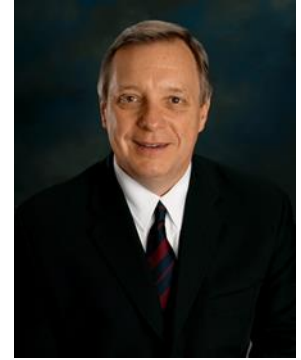
I. Introduction

Founded in 1906, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is a nonprofit, professional organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing the value of law libraries to the legal and public communities, to fostering the profession of law librarianship, and to providing leadership in the field of legal information. AALL members work in academic, private, and federal, state, court, and county libraries, serving government officials, the bench, the bar, legal scholars, and members of the public.

The AALL Executive Board has endorsed this policy to direct the Association's public policy and advocacy work. This policy is necessarily broad to guide AALL's Government Relations Office staff and to permit the Association to be agile and timely when responding to developing public policy issues.

AALL provides leadership and advocacy in the fields of legal and government information and information policy on a diverse set of topics, ranging from the creation and dissemination of government information to copyright to the privacy of library users. The exponential growth of the Internet as a central point of access to information has raised legislative, policy, and technological issues that are critical to ensuring permanent public access to trustworthy legal information. Due to the special training and expertise of its members, AALL is well-positioned to influence these issues.

Senator Durbin



- Senate Minority Whip
- **Committee on Appropriations**
- **Committee on Rules and Administration**
- **Committee on the Judiciary**

Senator Duckworth



- **Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation**
- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- Committee on Environment and Public Works
- Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Representatives

Luis Gutierrez (Ill.-4)

- Judiciary

Mike Quigley (Ill.-5)

- **Committee on Appropriations**
- Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Danny Davis (Ill.-7)

- Committee on Ways and Means



Senate Committees

Appropriations: Chair Thad Cochran (R-Miss.)

- Ranking Member Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)
- **Senator Durbin**
- GPO, IMLS, LOC, LSC, NARA

Judiciary: Chair Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)

- Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.)
- **Senator Durbin**
- FOIA, Copyright, Surveillance/Privacy

Senate Committees

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Chair Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.)

- Ranking Member Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.)
- NARA (includes Office of Federal Register)

Commerce: Chair John Thune (R-S.D.)

- Ranking Member Bill Nelson (D-Fl.)
- **Senator Duckworth**
- Net Neutrality

Senate Committees

Rules: Chair Richard Shelby (R-Al.)

- Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.)
- **Senator Durbin**
- GPO and LOC

House Committees

Appropriations: Chair Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ)

- Ranking Member Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.)
- **Rep. Quigley**
- GPO, IMLS, LOC, LSC, NARA

Judiciary: Chair Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.)

- Ranking Member John Conyers (D-Mich.)
- **Rep. Gutierrez**
- Copyright, FOIA, Surveillance/Privacy

House Committees

Oversight and Government Reform: Chair Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah)

- Ranking Member Elijah Cummings (D-Md.)
- FOIA, Federal Register

Energy and Commerce: Chair Greg Walden (R-Ohio)

- Ranking Member Frank Pallone (D-N.J.)
- Net Neutrality

House Committees

Administration: Chair Gregg Harper (R-Miss.)

- Ranking Member Bob Brady (D-Pa.)
- GPO and LOC

Recent Action

- Broadband Privacy
- Copyright Office Modernization
- Email Privacy



New Administration

- Shifts in policy direction
 - Access to information
 - Government surveillance
 - Privacy
 - Net Neutrality
- Changes in tone
 - Government transparency
 - Free speech



What's Coming

- FY 2018 Appropriations
 - Rejecting the President's Budget Blueprint re: IMLS and LSC
- Updating the Copyright Act
- Net Neutrality
- Attacks on public's right to know, press freedom, ???

AALL's Advocacy Team

What YOU Can Do for Law Libraries

Advocacy Opportunities

- April 20 online training
 - bit.ly/AALLspringtraining2017
- April 26 Virtual Lobby Day
 - bit.ly/VirtualLobbyDay2017
- July 18 Advocacy session in Austin - 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Advocacy Opportunities

- In-district meetings
- Town Halls
- Informal meetings and contacts with your legislators and their staffs
 - Quigley's Farmers Market visits

Advocacy Resources

- Washington eBulletin
- Advocacy listserv
- AALL Advocacy Toolkit
- AALL Legislative Action Center

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Thank You

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