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SIS Convention News

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SIS BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 2, 1979
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
CIRQUE ROOM, FAIRMONT
AGENDA

The annual business meeting will include reports from the secretary/treasurer and committee chairpersons. Nominations of officers will be held. Discussion of further projects and concerns of the members will be sought.

Kathryn Rahnert, Librarian, Steinhart, Goldberg, Peigenbaum, and Leder Law Firm, will present and distribute a bibliography of important Californian government documents. Bardie C. Wolfe, Jr., Law Librarian, University of Tennessee Law Library and Richard G. Hutchins, Law Librarian, University of Miami Law Library, will speak on the purpose, concerns, and progress of the Depository Library Council.

Please plan to attend and become involved in the Government Documents SIS!

Depository Librarians
Russ Session
Wednesday, July 4, 1979
4:00-6:00 p.m.

William Barrett, Deputy Assistant Public Printer, Government Printing Office, will discuss various pertinent topics with new and existing depository librarians. Mr. Barrett intends on presenting a profile of a new depository library. He will also talk on the G.P.O. Micropublishing Program, and, hopefully, bring us up to date on the work in progress on Title 44.

Please come ready to ask questions. This informal session will be an exchange of ideas among documents librarians. This will be your opportunity to get the latest information directly from the source.

Program Change

The list of participants for the GDSIS-sponsored program at the convention, "Getting the Ungettable," has undergone a change. Judy H. Fair, director of the J. Hugh Jackson Library at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business will take over for Jack Leister, who was forced to withdraw because of intervening commitments. Her topic, as was Mr. Leister's, will be a discussion of the methods and tools that are most helpful to a non-East Coast librarian in securing federal documents. Ms Fair has recently returned to the West Coast, where she had worked with government document collections, from her position as librarian for the Urban Institute in Washington, DC.

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NOMINATIONS

Nominations Committee Chairman Malinda Allison is beginning to get together information to prepare a slate of officers to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. If you are interested in helping an officers of GDSIS, or if you would like to recommend someone for an office, please send your suggestions to the following address: Malinda Allison, Texas Legislative Reference Library, P.O. Box 12488 - Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Officers to be elected are Vice-Chairperson-Chairperson Elect and Secretary Treasurer.
Contact: Malinda Allison: Legislative Reference Library: P. O. Box 12488, Capitol Station; Austin, TX 78711.
President's Letter

Dear Colleagues,

As our annual meeting in San Francisco draws near, I would like to draw your attention to several accomplishments of the Government Documents Special Interest Section over the past year.

We can boast of having 144 active and interested members. Any member who wants to become more involved in the committee work can sign up for either a committee or a project at the annual business meeting. If you cannot attend the convention, drop Kammie King, 1979-80 chairperson, a note designating your interests.

The SIS is planning an exciting national program for the Annual meeting in San Francisco. Michael Gehringer, program chairperson, has very capably planned a program titled "Getting the Ungettable: Hard to Locate Federal Documents." Further information on this program appears in this issue of Jurisdocs.

Speaking of Jurisdocs, it has proven to be a very successful means of communicating with the members of the SIS. In addition to spreading news among our members, Anna James reports that 105 outside subscriptions have been sold. Larry Cheeseman and the entire newsletter staff should be congratulated for a superior job.

As of March 1, 1979, 57 law schools have become depository libraries or in the process of becoming depositories under P.L. 95-261. Another 15 law school libraries sought information from G.P.O. on depository status. Lately, there has been much confusion concerning the appropriations for the new law. According to the latest G.P.O. information, all existing new depositories will receive their documents, however, there will be a temporary delay on granting depository status to those libraries which have not yet applied.

Bill Barrett, Deputy Assistant Public Printer, G.P.O., will speak informally to depository librarians on Wednesday, July 4, at 4:00 p.m. during the convention. Come with any and all questions regarding depository operations, micropublishing, and other concerns.

The Section's Bylaws needed revision and this task was handled by Kurt Admonson. Kurt worked on the proposed changes to Article VI: Nomination and Election of Officers and Article VII: Amendments to the Bylaws. These proposed improvements should aid the officers in running more efficient future business meetings.

Many librarians have expressed interest in the Charlotte Stillwell Legislative History Project. Charlotte describes this index as "a finding list setting forth all the components of a legislative history and where they can be found in library collections." Since this index is intended to be comprehensive, the entire SIS membership will have to get involved. CIS has expressed interest in publishing it. One House will submit a proposal to the Executive Board in July for their approval. Contact one at the University of Michigan Law Library for more information. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following officers and committee workers for their enthusiastic involvement in SIS: Kammie King, Anna James, Malinda Allison, Colleen Pauwels, Susanne Thevenet, and Johanna Thompson.

Although our accomplishments over the past year have been many, there are several items which need our attention. In the summer of 1978 Senator Claiborne Pell announced that the Joint Committee on Printing was going to undertake a revision of Title 44, U.S. Code. Since November 1978 the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to the Joint Committee on Printing on Revising Title 44 covered the following topics in their committee meetings: the role of the G.P.O., access to and dissemination of government information, the depository library system, GPO pricing schedules, and the impact of new technology. Watch for the Committee print which should contain a report of all the meetings.

Congressional hearings on the revision should begin in May 1979 and will run through September. It is imperative that the members of the Government Documents SIS support the proposed legislation by writing to either their own representatives and senators or Senator Pell. Please send either your general comments concerning the dissemination of documents or specific suggestions for improvements on the depository library system.

In January the Executive Board approved the SIS resolution on the revision of Title 44. This resolution appears in this issue of Jurisdocs.

Another item which is of utmost interest to the members of the SIS is the bill drafted by Paul Axel-Lute, Documents Librarian, Rutgers Law Library, on the publication of laws and treaties in the Federal Register. This bill would result in the speedier distribution of the extremely important legal documents. Hopefully, this bill will be introduced in Congress very soon. Contact Paul or myself for more information concerning it.

Law Librarians should also support the G.P.O. Micropublishing Program. The G.P.O. will increase substantially the amount of materials published in microformat. Depository librarians have been offered bound Congressional Records, House and Senate Reports for Public Bills and Private Bills, House and Senate Appropriations Hearings, and bills. The Micropublishing Program should prove to be a great space saving asset for libraries.
President's Letter (cont'd)

Since several members of GDSIS are depository librarians, there are many issues of concern to them. All classes of needed documents should be available through the depository system. The Depository Library Council is a valuable means of communication between law librarians and the G.P.O. Sadie Wolfe and Dick Hutchins are anxious to hear from this section's members.

I look forward to talking with you in San Francisco, I am anxious to hear your ideas concerning future projects and activities.

Nancy Johnson
Chairperson

ReSOLUTION

THE GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON THE REVISION OF TITLE 44

WHEREAS, The review of Title 44, U.S. Code will allow for the opportunity to strengthen the national policy for public access to government publications; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for all government publications and government produced information to be disseminated to depository libraries; and

WHEREAS, The G.P.O. micropublishing program has begun to expand the range of titles available to depository libraries; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a comprehensive and prompt index of government publications; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for depository libraries to receive federal financial allocations in order to provide public access to government publications; and

WHEREAS, The national depository agency would provide a current and retrospective collection of government publications and provide such services as bibliographic control, acquisition, and distribution, reference service, and interlibrary loan; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Association of Law Libraries support the Changes to Title 44 which are detailed in "Proposed Amendments to Title 44, U.S. Code"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Association of Law Libraries support the establishment of a national depository agency.

Approved January 1979,
Executive Bd., A.A.L.L.

Membership News by JUDITH GECAS

LYNN FOSTER, Documents/Reference Librarian at the University of Illinois Law Library, will be leaving that position in August in order to attend Southern Illinois University Law School this fall.

NANCY P. JOHNSON, GDSIS Chairperson, and her husband Bill became the parents of Patrick Reilly Johnson, 5 lbs. 15 oz. on March 3, 1979.

JUDITH M. WRIGHT, presently a student at DePaul University Law School, and her husband Mark Johnson became the parents of Paul Robert Johnson, 8 lbs. 12 oz. on January 9, 1979.

PLEASE SEND ALL NEWS ABOUT SIS MEMBERS AND THEIR PUBLICATIONS TO:
Judith Gecas, 4940 S. East End Avenue, 5B, Chicago, IL 60615.
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Proposed Changes to GDSIS Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee has proposed changes to the current Section bylaws with respect to the election of officers and the methods for amending the Section's bylaws. The changes in Articles VI and VII add provisions allowing for election of officers and votes on amendments to the bylaws to be conducted by mail ballot, as well as by votes taken at the business meeting of the Section. These changes will give the Section more flexibility in conducting these procedures. At the same time, the bylaws do not prevent votes being taken at the business meeting should the cost of mail voting procedures prove to be too prohibitive. The text of the changes follows:

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

§ 1. The executive Committee shall appoint a nomination committee, consisting of at least three members, no one of whom shall be a candidate at the succeeding election. The nominating committee shall submit the names of candidates, together with their written acceptances, to the chairperson in sufficient time to enable the chairperson to inform the members of the Section of the nominations prior to April 1st, either by publication in the AALL Newsletter or Jurisdocs, or by mail.

§ 2. Further nominations may be made upon written petition of 10 members of the Section. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptances of the nominees, must be filled with the chairperson not later than May 1st.

§ 3. The secretary shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition. The professional position of each nominee shall appear on the ballot.

§ 4. The officers of the Section may be elected by mail ballot or by secret ballot at the business meeting of the Section during the AALL annual convention. The Executive Committee shall decide, not later than April 1st of each year, whether that year's election shall be by mail ballot or by vote at the annual business meeting. The membership of the Section should be notified of this decision in the same manner as provided in §1 above.

§ 5. If the election of officers is to be conducted by mail, the secretary shall mail ballots to each member of the Section prior to May 15th. Ballots shall be marked and returned to the secretary prior to June 10th. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected and shall be so reported by the secretary at the annual meeting of the Section. All candidates shall be notified of the results of the election at the earliest possible time.

§ 6. If the election of officers is to be conducted at the annual business meeting during the AALL convention, the election will be conducted in the same manner as for run-off elections. See §7 below.

§ 7. In the case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held at the business meeting of the Section at the annual AALL convention. Run-off elections shall be by secret ballot of the members of the Section attending the meeting. The ballots shall be immediately counted and the candidate with the largest number of votes declared elected.

§ 8. Ballots may be destroyed by the secretary after the annual meeting, if there are no challenges to the results of the election.

ARTICLE VII

§ 1. Bylaws of the Section may be adopted, amended or suspended at the annual meeting of the Section by a majority vote of those present and voting. Or, bylaws may be adopted, amended or suspended through a mail ballot. Whenever the bylaws are to be changed by mail vote, the secretary shall mail ballots to every member in good standing of the Section. Such ballots shall state the text of the proposed change, the purpose of the change, and the date by which ballots must be returned to the secretary. Proposed changes in the bylaws by mail must receive a majority vote of the ballots returned to the secretary in order to pass. Tie votes shall be considered failure to pass.

§ 2. Any amendment shall take effect after it has been approved the AALL Executive Board.

Amendments to these proposals, and the proposals themselves, will be voted on at the meeting in San Francisco. If you have any comments, please direct them to:

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GDSIS LEGISLATIVE HISTORY PROJECT

Description of the Project

We propose to produce a finding list based on compiled legislative histories of U.S. statutes that would set forth all the components of such histories and where they can be found in library collections.

The publication would be arranged in chronological order; i.e., by Congress and public law number. It would include all laws passed by Congress prior to 1970 for which legislative histories have been compiled. The maximum size is estimated to be five volumes of about 1200 pages each. The projected completion time is five years. We do not expect to supplement nor revise.

Information to be contained in each entry is as follows:

1. Congress and public law number.
2. Date passed and Statutes at Large cite.
3. Enabling clause.
4. Popular name.
5. Principal bill number.
6. List of committee reports and the serial set volumes in which they can be found.
7. Hearings listed by committee name, giving title, bill numbers if any, dates held, Superintendent of Documents classification numbers, and Greenwood Press/CIS fiche numbers.
8. Committee prints listed by committee, giving title, date, Superintendent of Documents classification numbers, and Greenwood Press/CIS fiche numbers.
9. Congressional Record volume, year and dates.
10. Presidential veto message, if any, and serial set volume in which found.

Purpose

The purpose of the publication is:

1. To make the efforts of the legislative specialists among us available to all members of the library community.
2. To avoid repetition of research already well done.
3. To facilitate the use of a large documents collection by someone who may not be a legislative specialist through use of Su Docs and serial set cites.
4. To lessen the demands made on libraries having large collections of legislative histories by libraries with fewer resources.
5. By citing to the Greenwood Press/CIS microfiche sets of hearings, committee prints and the serial set, bringing even rare documents within reach of everyone.
6. To be so comprehensive that even libraries owning extensive collections of compiled legislative histories will be able to meet the most obscure request in a minimum of time.

Implementation Plan

Congressional Information Service, Inc. is the recommended publisher.

Supporting reasons:

- respected for accuracy and quality of their publications.
- closely associated with documents publications.
- interested in doing this publication and have devoted much time to the preliminary planning.
- supply retrospective documents on fiche.
- computer data base can supply serial set numbers and Greenwood/CIS fiche identifications.

Compilation

The SIS will:

1. Locate libraries that have collections of compiled histories and seek their participation.
2. Obtain citations from participating libraries.
3. Insure that citations meet previously established standards.
4. If necessary, compile histories that are considered deserving of coverage and that participating libraries have not provided citations for.
5. Work with CIS in making the numerous bibliographic judgments that will have to be made prior to beginning production of the work.
CIS will:
1. Have final responsibility for manuscript approval and editorial review.
2. Have complete responsibility for composition, printing, and related production functions including the generation of tables and indexes.
3. Have responsibility for sales, promotion, fulfillment and other non-production functions of publishing.

Funding

CIS will pay royalties at the rate of 10% of the sales. The SIS would like to be credited with 50% of the royalties paid; AALL would receive the remaining 50%.

Incentive

CIS has suggested granting discounts on the purchase price of the publication to participating libraries on terms commensurate with the size of their contribution to the finished work. Cost of the discounts would be shared equally between CIS and AALL/SIS.

Current Status of the Project

A request for advice and guidelines on how to proceed with such a project was taken to the Executive Board at the post-convention meeting in Rochester, 1978. The response from President Jacobstein in a letter of July 10, 1978, was that our next step should be to have the project evaluated by the Publications Committee prior to action by the Executive Board. The Publications Committee is considering our proposal and we are hoping for a favorable response in time for action by the Executive Board in San Francisco.

How the Project Originated

At the 1977 AALL convention in Toronto, Charlotte Stillwell, Reference librarian and legislative specialist at Cook County (Ill.) Law Library, proposed that the GD/SIS cooperate in a project to provide a finding list based on compiled legislative histories of U.S. statutes that would catalog the components of such histories in a way that anyone could quickly pull the needed documents from a large collection such as is often found in the older depository libraries.

Charlotte has compiled a considerable number of legislative histories which are bound. In addition, as she has helped those who are seeking histories that are not in her bound collection, she has recorded on a file card in the format outlined above (see "Information to be ...") the identity of the components and their location within her library or aids to finding them in the nearby Chicago Public Library, thus eliminating the need to duplicate her research effort when a second request is made for anything in her file.

As the file grew and Charlotte traded information with legislative specialists in other libraries, the idea was born to combine resources and publish a reference tool that would help everyone.

Development

Wherever the idea was discussed, it met with enthusiastic response. Using the criterion that any legislative history which has been compiled should be included, we set about to locate libraries having major collections of compiled histories and to find out if such libraries would contribute the information we seek from their contents or title pages. We would then merge such information into one list, adding Su Docs., serial set, and fiche numbers, which would meet preset standards for uniformity, completeness, and accuracy.

Congressional Information Services, Inc. represented by Jeffrey Heyman investigated our project and asked to meet with us to examine in detail the feasibility of the proposal. Legislative specialists from a variety of law libraries, SIS officers and representatives of CIS met in Rochester before the 1978 AALL convention. Our task was to define the project, decide between what was desirable and what was practical, determine how responsibilities would divide between the SIS and CIS, and how to get cooperation and from whom. Those decisions are reflected in the description of the project.

It was at Rochester in 1978, that rumors were circulating about the vast legislative history files of the GAO and that they were being filmed. We immediately began speculating about how to gain access to this material. The news that it was to be offered to depository libraries (1 JURISDOCS 23) was most welcome since the task of cataloging that material can now be distributed to people from many parts of the nation instead of being concentrated in the Washington, D.C. area. Cont'd
LEG HISTORY PROJECT (cont'd)

Although the first history contained in the GAO file is dated 1921, that is the only history for that Congress. The following Congresses are progressively expanded in coverage until about the 76th Congress, 1943-44, when the collection became comprehensive, totalling about 20,000 legislative histories. At this point, the estimated size of our project took a leap from one volume of about 1000 to 1200 pages to five such volumes.

Since this is a volunteer project and we must generate our own momentum, we decided to set our time limit at five years and go with whatever we have accomplished at that point. Experienced people at CIS think that two years after the completion of the GAO file distribution is a reasonable time to make use of that information.

How you can help

The major tasks to be done are:
1. locating resources
2. assembling information
3. revising
4. compiling
5. coordinating activities

Worksheet are being composed that assemblers will fill in with as much information as they have, and return to the coordinator, who will check to see what further information is needed and route them to a source who has information in that category. If gaps or incomplete information are recognized, compilers will be asked to work on that area. Revisors will go over every thing before it is submitted to the publisher.

We will begin with Charlotte's file and other extensive collections of compiled legislative histories. Those libraries receiving the GAO files on file can make a major contribution by supplying the basic information for the public laws that this file covers. Wherever gaps occur we hope to locate a library holding a compiled legislative history for that law and someone willing to fill in the worksheet.

Other assemblers can supply Su Docs numbers, or Congressional Record cites as needed. CIS will be able to provide serial set identifications for the reports and the accession numbers of the file. If individuals can supply information of a particular kind for just 5 public laws, we would have a good start.

Suggested sources of Su Docs numbers are:
Cumulative Title Index To U.S. Public Documents, 1789-1976
Reprint of the Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications 1925-1962,
and Classes Added, 1895-1928.
A large documents collection classified by Su Docs numbers.

So this is what we hope to do, why, and how. Will you help? Read over the tear sheet and check which resource that you have available to you and send it to: Emelyn House, The Law Library, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109

PLEASE CHECK RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO YOU

☐ Compiled legislative histories, especially for public laws prior to 76th Congress, 1943-44.
☐ GAO legislative history file
☐ Congressional Record and its predecessors
☐ Superintendent of Documents numbers

Suggested Title:

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Library:
Address:

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The newly formed U.S. Regulatory Council has published the first comprehensive catalog of important federal regulations under development, and for the first time, important regulations while they are still under development have been brought together in one place at one time.

The Calendar of Federal Regulations, which fills 129 pages in the February 28th Federal Register (U.S. F.R. 11389) lists 109 major regulations under development in 20 executive agencies and includes preview information on the objectives and benefits of the proposed regulation, the sectors of the economy it will affect, its economic implications and the major options the agency is studying.

Also listed are the legal authority under which the regulatory action is taken; a description of other regulations or actions, either within or outside the agency, that are related to proposing the regulation under consideration; a list of the Federal agencies with whom the issuing agency is consulting; a timetable listing chronologically the major steps in developing the regulation; a contact person in the agency; and, most important for librarians, a list of background documents directly related to the regulation under consideration.

The proposed regulations are arranged in 5 categories: health and safety, human resources, natural resources, trade and commerce, and transportation and communications. In addition, there is an "Index of Primary Objectives and Effects", identifying the regulations by their objectives and anticipated effects; and "Index of Date of Next Regulatory Action", a chronological listing of regulatory actions.

Formation of the Regulatory Council was announced on October 12th as part of President Carter's anti-inflation program. It was intended to "help insure that regulations are well coordinated, do not conflict, and do not impose excess burdens on particular sectors of the economy". It was also hoped the calendar will increase public participation in the development of rules.

The Calendar is expected to be issued semi-annually. It should be noted that the Calendar includes only "important" regulations under consideration, i.e., they "a) have a net cost of $100 million or more, b) impose a major increase in cost or prices for individual industries, levels of government or geographic regions, or c) the agency head otherwise determines that a regulatory analysis is appropriate."

COPYRIGHT CLEARINGHOUSE HAVING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

The large profits periodical publishers had hoped to realize from the Copyright Clearinghouse -- the mechanism set up by them to collect photocopying royalties -- have not yet materialized. In fact, according to a recent story in BF Report (the basis of a story in the December 11, 1978 issue of LJ/S LJ Hotline vol. VII, no. 4), the Clearinghouse is not doing enough business to pay its own bills.

LJ/S LJ HOTLINE notes: "If things don't start looking up, the lack of money in copyright fees will bear out the predictions made in the past year by King Research, which forecast a disappointing yield instead of the windfall that publishers have been hoping for."

FRF SUBSCRIPTIONS MODIFIED

The U.S. Government Printing Office has announced that effective with its January 1979 issue, the Publications Reference File Update (FRFSU), the bimonthly supplement to the cumulative edition of its Publications Reference File (FRF), will be combined with subscription to Publications Reference File and will no longer be available as a separate subscription.

Subscriptions to FRF will now consist of bimonthly cumulations in January, March, May, July, September and November and on the alternative months, an update (the FRFSU) which lists new publications received during the month following the cumulative master file.

FRF is a catalog of all publications currently offered for sale by GPO. (2 Lawlines 6, 36, 46, 53). The catalog on 48x microfiche lists GPO sale publications by GPO stock number, Superintendent of Document classification number and by author, title, subject, key word, and phrase. It is, in effect, a "Documents in Print".

A one year subscription to the Publication Reference File will now cost $55 per year, and is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (stock no. 021-000-60004-0).
Regulatory Reform

Declaring that "it is time we take control of Federal regulations in America," President Carter in his March 26th message to Congress unveiled an ambitious program for regulatory reform, including submission of a bill which the President termed the first comprehensive rewriting of regulatory procedures in 50 years -- the "Regulation Reform Act of 1979" (S.755, HR.3263)

"This bill strengthens the reforms introduced by E. O. 12044, makes them permanent, and applies them to the independent regulatory commissions. It also overhauls key parts of the Administrative Procedure Act, for the first time since 1946. It sets vital new rules for the regulators," the President said (Congressional Record S3328, March 26, 1979).

Among some of the changes the bill requires are: cost benefit analyses of important regulations, review of existing regulations every 10 years, publication of semi-annual agendas of upcoming rules, revamping of procedures for agency hearings, and increasing public participation in the regulatory process by allowing longer comment periods and authorizing limited funding for groups that would present important information and could not otherwise attend.

The President also urged Congress to help reduce the burden of filling out forms by enacting legislation that he would shortly propose to centralize the reviewing of Federal paperwork requirements in one agency -- the Office of Management and Budget.

The President said he himself would shortly issue an Executive Order establishing a "paperwork budget" for Executive agencies and creating an information locator system to help agencies determine whether the information they need is already available elsewhere.

Finally, the President called for enactment of sunset legislation. "Much of the trouble with regulation built up because laws have gone unchanged in spite of changing needs."

New Federal Register Format

In a continuing effort to make the Federal Register easier to read as well as easier to use, the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) has introduced a major format change in the Federal Register beginning with the April 2, 1979 issue.

In addition to a rather obvious change in typography, OFR has rearranged the daily and cumulative monthly indexes in an effort to avoid confusion. The table of contents covering only that issue and the "List of CFR Parts Affected in This Issue" now begin on the first odd page following the cover page while the Cumulative List of CFR Parts Affected during the current month appears at the back of each day in a new part entitled "Reader Aids."

The Reader Aids section also includes other familiar items:
- Information and Assistance, a list of telephone numbers at OFR where specific information may be obtained.
- Daily reminders which include "Rules Going into Effect Today" and "List of Public Laws."
- List of agencies that have agreed to publish all documents on assigned days of the week.

The Reader Aids section at the back of each Wednesday edition of the Federal Register will contain next week's deadlines for comments on proposed rules, next week's meetings and public hearings, and a list of documents relating to federal grant programs.

The Reader Aids section at the back of the first issue of each month will contain:
- Table for computing effective dates and time periods.
- List of agency abbreviations used in highlights and remarks.
- CFR checklist of current issuances and prices.

CFR Subscriptions on Fiche

At the same time that it announced a raise in the annual subscription price of the paper edition of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) from $400 to $450, the Administrative Committee of the Federal Register revealed that it will soon make CFR available at a lower price in a new form. The cost of the CFR on microfiche will be:
- $2 for a single volume
- $110 for the last yearly revision of the CFR received in a single delivery
- $225 for a year's subscription with the subscriber receiving each volume as it is published

The $50 price increase in the paper edition which becomes effective April 18, 1979 follows a similar increase made last year also in April. The prices of individual volumes of CFR in hard copy will also increase accordingly.

An announcement will appear in the Federal Register when the microfiche is ready for distribution. (44 Federal Register 23063)

Shepard's Breaks the Code

Shepard's Inc. has announced publication of a much needed Code of Federal Regulations Citator. The new Citator features Presidential Proclamations, Presidential Executive Orders, Reorganization plans and all 50 titles of CFR, and includes citations appearing in decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and Federal and State Courts. Also covered will be numerous law reviews and the A.B.A. Journal.

The Citator will note regulations ruled valid, invalid or invalid in part. Notes will indicate the date of decision or the specific edition of CFR cited.

The Citator will cost $100 per year and will include 4 issues.
NEW FEDERAL REGISTER FORMAT

Beginning with the April 2, 1979 issue, the Federal Register has a new format. The table of contents now begins on the first odd page after the cover. The style of the table of contents is also new—and much easier to scan. The cumulative list of CFR Sections Affected for the month appears at the back of the issue, while the table for the issue stays at the front, thus avoiding the possibility of confusion. More details on p. 49.

GPO SALES PUBLICATIONS

The bimonthly microfiche, GPO Sales Publications has been an invaluable tool in this law firm library during the last year. For $55.00 we have a more current listing of available publications than the Monthly Catalog provides and it is cumulative for those documents now in print. We get an answer more quickly than we could with the Monthly Catalog, using the multiple recent issues. In addition it has been particularly helpful in identifying irregular serials (often looseleafs) which can be difficult to locate in the MC, even with the Serials Supplement.

The monthly update service which was offered last year has been discontinued. See news story on p. 48 for details.

SELECTION TOOLS

Three publications are helpful for listing government studies that may not be referred to elsewhere and are usually free. One of these is The Third Branch from the Federal Judicial Center, Dolley Madison House, 1520 H St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. It lists publications of federal judges (i.e., Charles Richey's Manual on Employment Discrimination) and Judicial Center studies (i.e., the discovery study done in 1978).

Another is The Docket Sheet, available from the Public Information Office at the Supreme Court. It is interesting for background on the justices and the Court. It also refers to speeches by the justices and publications of the Supreme Court Historical Society.

Finally, the Checklist of Congressional Hearings and Committee Prints from Bernan Associates is a good listing of committee prints. These are usually free from the committees, but enclosing a mailing label with your address will be appreciated.

The Docket Sheet and The Third Branch are free subscriptions; the Checklist is $42.00 annually.

NEW SHEPARD'S

The Shepard's Citations for the CFR is now available. The yearly subscription rate is $100.00. Coverage from federal courts begins in 1950, but coverage from law review articles begins in 1977.

LABOR STATISTICS

The Atlanta office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics published a pamphlet on "BLS Series for Use in Escalation Clauses." It discusses the use of various series (i.e., Producer Price Index, Consumer Price Index) in escalation clauses and gives a form for a clause. It is free from the Southeastern Regional Office, Suite 540, 1371 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309. Refer to regional report 46, August 1978.

CIS

C.I.S. is very interested in uncovering older Committee prints that are not in the Greenwood Press microfiche collection. Access to older Committee prints has always been difficult because they were printed in very limited numbers and seldom indexed in the Monthly Catalog. The microfiche collection covers the early Congresses through the 91st Congress, 1st Session, 1969. Please send the title pages from these unindexed prints to Congressional Information Service, 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20014.
EVENTS by Lynn Foster

JUNE 20-22: INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTATION—NEW DIRECTIONS.
Sponsored by the Association of International Libraries/ North America. This is the rescheduled North American Preparatory Seminar for the Second International Symposium on Documentation of the U.N. and other Intergovernmental Organizations, which also has been rescheduled (for 1980 in Brussels). The Preparatory Seminar will be held at the University of Toronto Library School, Toronto Canada. Contact: Mina Pease, Vice President AIL/NA, c/o UNIFPO Publishers Ltd., P.O. Box 89, White Plains, NY 10602; 914-592-8710 or 914-948-5486. Registration fee: $50.

JUNE 21-22: USING PATENT LITERATURE.
Sponsored by GODORT, this is the GODORT ALA Preconference. Representatives from the U.S. Patent Office will give a workshop on patent searching, beginning with the basics. The Preconference will be held at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Registration is limited to 50 participants and the deadline is June 1. Contact: Barbara Kile, Documents Librarian, Rice University, Houston, TX 77001; 713-527-8101, ext. 2587. Registration fee: for ALA and GODORT members, $50; for ALA members, $55; for non-ALA members, $70.

JULY 4: GETTING THE UNSETTABLE: HARD TO LOCATE FEDERAL DOCUMENTS. Sponsored by the AALL Government Documents SIS. For more information, see articles elsewhere in this issue.

AUGUST 6-9: SEMINAR FOR LIBRARIANS ON ACCESSING STATISTICAL RESOURCES FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU AND OTHER SELECTED FEDERAL AGENCIES.
Sponsored by the Census Bureau. This quarterly seminar is given to inform librarians about Census Bureau services and to instruct in the use of census materials. Sample topics: Census Bureau reference sources and statistical data products; limitations of 1970 census data; and machine-readable data products and services. There is no charge but participants must provide their own transportation and subsistence. The seminar is limited to 40 and the closing date for registration is 4 weeks prior to the seminar. Contact: Dot Chin, User Training Branch, Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233; 301-763-5483.

FEDERAL REGISTER WORKSHOPS are sponsored throughout the year by the Office of the Federal Register, both in Washington, DC and in large cities throughout the country. Details are given in the Federal Register.

DEPOSITORY LIBRARIAN WORKSHOPS, sponsored by the GPO, are booked solid until the end of 1979.

PROFESSIONAL READING

The May-June 1979 issue of Information Report (vol. 5, no. 3) features "Monitoring State Legislation: These are the Numbers You'll Need", pp. 5-6.

Address and phone number for State legislative information offices for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. These offices can be used to learn bill status and often to obtain copies of pending bills or recently enacted legislation. Rated: A REAL GEM.


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If you are unable to obtain a copy of any of these articles, we will lend you our copy. Enclose a self-addressed mailing label, and send your request to our editor: Larry Cheeseman, Connecticut State Library, Hartford Law Branch, 95 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06115.
CHECKLIST


COMPILATION OF FEDERAL LAWS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS FOR NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS, 71 p., is available free of charge for single copies from U. S. General Accounting Office, Distribution Section, Room 1518, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548 (Report number HRD-78-138). Identifies and compiles in a readily usable form 87 Federal laws and Executive orders. Includes: brief explanation as well as complete statutory and regulatory cites.

CONSUMER GUIDE TO FDA, 20 p., is available free of charge from: Office of Consumer Inquiries, Food and Drug Administration, HFO-10, Room 15B-32, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Lists laws enforced by FDA and popular FDA publications. Includes: directory of Consumer Affairs officers, and FDA field offices.

CONSUMER INFORMATION CATALOG, Spring 1979, is available free of charge from Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009. Latest quarterly edition, lists more than 200 selected Federal consumer publications.

FEDERAL SERIALS: A LIST OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SERIAL PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION, 56 p., is available for $4.50 from Vanderbilt Law Library, Nashville, TN 37203. List contains about 500 carefully selected serial titles, a short subject index, and a detailed agency index.


FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO USE IT is available free of charge for single copies from Freedom of Information Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 19567, Washington, DC 20036. Includes: how to make a request, the nine exemptions to FOIA, types of documents available under FOIA as well as a sample appeal letter.

LEGAL SERIALS IN MICROFORM 1979-1980, 130 p., is available free of charge from University Microfilms International, 300 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Call toll free (800) 521-3042. Catalog of microform publications from University Microfilms.

NTIS INFORMATION SERVICES GENERAL CATALOG NO. 6 (January 1979) is available free upon request from: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VT 22161 (Order No. NTIS-PR-154). Catalog of the business, economic, scientific, etc., subscription publications and services of NTIS. Includes: explanation of what NTIS is, how NTIS differs from GPO, how to order and pay for NTIS publications and a telephone directory of NTIS Services.

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Out of Print Govt. Documents

This is in reply to your inquiry concerning photocopying service of Government publications offered by the National Archives.

The Printed Archives Branch of the National Archives and Records Service has in its custody the record set of publications of the Federal Government, including copies of almost all publications printed by the Government Printing Office or by departments and agencies through their own or privately-contracted printing facilities dating from about 1790 through 1976, and amounting to well over 2,000,000 separate items. Although the set is not complete -- especially for the period prior to the establishment of the office of the Superintendent of Documents in 1895, it appears to be the most complete collection of Federal documents in existence, and publications related to virtually all record groups in the National Archives will be found among the collection.

We do not have copies of the publications for distribution and record copies are not available through interlibrary loan. We can furnish copies of most of these publications in electrostatic or microfilm form. The normal charge for an electrostatic copy is 15¢ per page, and there is a minimum order fee of $2.00 for these copies. Negative microfilm is 10¢ per frame, and there is a $10 minimum fee for these copies. If you require special photographic copying services, we can furnish additional information or estimates for these.

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Ordinarily small orders are completed by personnel in the Printed Archives Branch. Large orders -- and all microfilm orders -- must be filled by personnel in the Micrographic Service Branch. The time required to complete orders which must be sent to this branch will vary according to the complexity of the order and the number of orders on hand: the average is probably six to eight weeks.

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If I can be of any further assistance to you do not hesitate to telephone me at area code (202) 523-3138.

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