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# HOUSTON PROGRAM

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Our first program will be on Monday, June 27th, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Legislative Intent, or What they do with those Legislative Histories After You've Compiled Them will be moderated by Marian F. Parker (University of Tulsa), incoming chair of the Gov Docs SIS. The panelists and their topics will be:

Michael Gehringer, "Legislative Histories: State of the Art and View of the Future".

Walter F. Pratt, "Legislative Intent: A View From the Ivory Tower".

Ronald D. Secrest, "Legislative Intent: A View From the Bar".

Judge Carl O. Bue, Jr., "Legislative Intent: A View From the Bench".

The second program is a discussion group on Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., State Legislative History Materials and Research Techniques will be moderated by Judy Gecas (University of Chicago). The panelists will be:

Melody Lembke (Los Angeles County), representing California.

Virginia Thomas (ITT-Chicago Kent), representing Illinois.

Joanne Scanlon (Cornell), representing New York.

Malinda Allison (Legislative Reference Library), representing Texas.

Please come prepared to participate and share your knowledge of state legislative histories.

Our last program will be our annual Gov Docs SIS Business Meeting, on Tuesday, June 28th, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., in the Imperial Room. I know that's early, but please come to as much of the meeting as you can. This is the meeting where the major planning will be done for next year. The second half of the meeting will be a Documents Update. If you cannot attend this meeting, please send your ideas, complaints, etc. to: Judy Gecas/ University of Chicago Law Library/ 1121 E.

60th/ Chicago, IL 60637/ (new phone number: 312-962-9614).

## Attention

Are there Government Documents Section members interested in having AALL pass a resolution similar to that adopted by the ALA Council in Philadelphia on July 14, 1982? A copy of that resolution is attached. Anyone interested in helping draft such a resolution for the Houston Convention is urged to contact Sue Wood, Supreme Court Library, 500 Court House, Syracuse, N.Y. 13202 (315-425-2063). Certain areas of concern have already been addressed and the Section may want to delete them. Other topics should perhaps be added to such a resolution.

NEW AALL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE  
SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR 1984-85

By now, section members should be familiar with the list of those nominated for the 1983-84 AALL Executive Board. The biographical sketches of all of the candidates are found in the April issue of the AALL Newsletter. The election of the 1983-84 Executive Board will be (or has been) done, via a mail ballot, in May, 1983.

The new Nominations Committee for 1983-84 has been appointed. The Committee wants to begin early to seek candidates for vacancies on the 1984-85 Executive Board and invites the membership to submit names of potential candidates. For the 1984-85 Executive Board, the Committee seeks nominees for Vice President/President-Elect and for two Executive Board seats (four candidates will be nominated by the Committee for these two vacancies).

If you have any suggestions for nominees for 1984-85, please complete the form below and mail it directly to the Chair of next year's Nominations Committee. You are encouraged to provide as much information as possible on each person's qualifications.

The 1984-85 Nominations Committee is composed of: Peter C. Schanck, Chair, and Marvin R. Anderson, Velvet Glass, James L. Hoover, and Robert L. Oakley.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE 1984-85 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Firm of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Suggested: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You advised the person that you are submitting his/her name?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Association Activities and Service of Individual:

Professional Experience and Accomplishments of Individual:

If you have additional suggestions, please provide the same information or another copy of this form or on another sheet.

SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO: Professor Peter C. Schanck, University of Kansas, School of Law Library, Green Hall, Lawrence, Kansas 66045  
(913) 864-3025

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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The Government Documents SIS has continued to grow in membership and now has 308 members. These members have been very active in all areas of government documents and their major activities are described below.

The Committee on Citation Reform and Revision, under the leadership of Stuart Basefsky, has continued to serve as a clearinghouse for documents citation problems and as a vehicle for citation reform. The committee will continue to press for positive changes and clarifications in subsequent printings of the 13th edition of the Blue Book.

The Bylaws Committee, under the continuing leadership of Marion Parker, saw the approval of the new bylaws (with the exception of Article V, Sections 7(b) and (c)) by the membership and by the AALL Executive Board. After approval of the redrafted parts of Article V, the committee's work will be finished.

The State Documents Bibliographies series has been expanded by the completion of bibliographies for New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Copies of these and prior bibliographies are available for \$5 per copy.

Much of the SIS news was passed on to the membership in our column in the AALL Newsletter. However, we did continue to publish three issues of Jurisdocs under the editorship of Larry Cheeseman. Next year we plan to issue a membership directory.

Finally, the Government Documents SIS has planned three programs for the 1983 Houston Convention. These are "Legislative Intent, or What They Do with Those Legislative Histories After You've Compiled Them", a discussion group on State Legislative Histories, and the SIS Business Meeting that includes a Documents Update.

Judy Gecas  
GDSIS President

# FYI

## U.S. CONGRESS - JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

### AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DEPOSITORY LIBRARY ACCESS TO FEDERAL AUTOMATED DATA BASES

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& Business Equipment Manufacturers Association
- Michael G. Garland - Chief, Data User Services Division, Bureau of  
the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20233
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SR-309 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
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Association of Law Libraries
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- Judith Russell - Information Industry Association, 513 Independence  
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- William M. Vaden - Deputy Manager, Technical Information Center,  
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# news release

## Congress of the United States

### Joint Committee on Printing

Washington, D.C. 20510

May 5, 1983

For Immediate Release

Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins, Democrat from California, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, today appointed the members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Depository Library Access to Federal Automated Data Bases.

The purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee is to evaluate the feasibility and desirability of providing access to Government information in electronic formats to Federal depository libraries.

The Committee is composed of members representing the library community, the private sector and government agencies. The members of the Ad Hoc Committee are:

Bernadine Hoduski, Chairperson - Joint Committee on Printing  
Boyd L. Alexander - House Information Systems  
Dennis Chastain - Government Printing Office  
Margaret H. Conyngham - U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, representing Special Library Association  
Harry B. DeMaio - IBM Corporation, representing Computers & Business Equipment Manufacturers Association  
Michael G. Garland - Bureau of the Census  
Anthony L. Harvey - Senate Committee on Rules and Administration  
Sarah Thomas Kadec - Government Printing Office  
William S. Lawson - Patent and Trademark Office  
Richard Leacy - Georgia Institute of Technology, representing Depository Library Council to the Public Printer  
Steve Margeton - Steptoe & Johnson, representing American Association of Law Libraries  
Joseph W. Price - Library of Congress  
Kenyon C. Rosenberg - National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce  
Judith Rowe - Princeton University, representing American Library Association  
Judith Russell - Information Industry Association  
William M. Vaden - Technical Information Center, U.S. Department of Energy

The Committee will be asked to determine:

1. What and how much Federal Government information is in electronic format?
2. If depository libraries have the ability to access the new formats?
3. What are the costs and benefits of providing information in electronic format?

The Committee will also identify major policy areas which need to be addressed in order to meet the intent of Title 44, United States Code, to make Government information publicly available at no cost to citizens through the depository library system.

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# ABSTRACT

Below is an abstract of a speech Lynn Foster of Southern Illinois will be giving at the AALL Convention in Houston. It will be part of the "Censorship and Law Librarianship" program which will take place on Monday Morning from 10:30 - 12:00; not on Wednesday as the program indicates (SEE PAGE 31 FOR PROGRAM DETAILS).

At this point Lynn foresees the handouts as containing a list of law-related documents which have been converted to microform and when; and a list of law-related documents which have been discontinued.

--ed.

## ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The basic theme of the speech is: are government agencies, including GPO, causing restriction of access to information? By interpreting censorship very broadly to include limitation of access, the speech and handout will cover the following areas:

Prices. GPO has sharply raised its prices in past years. My speech will explore the reasons behind the price increases, and whether they are restricting access to documents. GPO is also spending quite a bit more on marketing. I hope to discuss the forms this marketing campaign is taking, and whether GPO is passing the costs of marketing onto consumers in the form of higher prices.

Format. The microform conversion program of GPO has grown steadily. I will discuss which law-related documents have been converted to microfiche and which are scheduled to be converted in future, and how conversion may restrict access to documents. I will also discuss how access may be restricted in other ways, such as poorer indexing, the elimination of page numbers from the cover of the Federal Register, etc.

Publication. I will discuss whether restriction of publication of documents has been attempted or achieved by such measures as agency budget cuts, amendments to the FOIA, or Executive Order 12356, "National Security Information." I will discuss law-related documents which have ceased publication and the reasons why.

Action. The speech will also note what librarians have done about these developments and which of their actions have proved effective, and what law libraries can do to achieve utmost access to documents.



## WORTH READING

"BUSINESS BOOKS OF 1982" by Susan S. DiMattia. Library Journal, vol. 108 no.5 (March 1, 1983), pp. 451-459.

Annual selection of recommended books. Among some of '82 bests are: Time Management for Executives, by Januz and Jones; Managing Job Stress and Health: the Intelligent Person's Guide, by Matteson and Ivancevich; and Executive Essentials, by Posner. Good annotations and excellent selections.

"A COMPARISON OF THE LEXIS AND WESTLAW DATABASES" by Allan J. Ononve. Legal Economics vol. 9 no.2 (March/April 1983) pp 27-40.

In chart form compares WESTLAW and LEXIS databases in terms of coverage, available databases, database information (ease of operation, search procedure, etc.) and pricing. Purpose of the article is to help in selection decision.

"HELPING MAY BE HARMFUL: THE IMPLICATIONS OF BURNOUT FOR THE SPECIAL LIBRARIAN" by Nathan M. Smith and Veneese C. Nelson. Special Libraries vol. 74 no 1 (January 1983) pp. 14-19.

Explains what burnout is, how it is harmful, the symptoms of burnout, and, most importantly, how to cope with it. "And remember, burnout can be terminal or growth experience. It is up to you." Essential reading!

"HOW DO YOU MANAGE? GOING BY THE BOOK" by A. J. Anderson. Library Journal vol 108 no. 7 (April 1, 1983) pp. 636-638.

First in what is to be a regular series. Includes an "incident" followed by two or three brief critiques or analyses by working librarians and library managers. MUST READING for anyone who supervises in libraries.

"SELECTING MICROFORM READING EQUIPMENT" by Melinda McIntosh. Microform Review vol. 12, no. 1 (Winter 1983), pp. 27-33.

Offers a step-by-step outline and cites numerous sources of helpful information. Among advice offered; consult with colleagues who have them and always keep the user in mind.

### Censorship

Government Documents Section members will want to attend a Monday morning program at Houston rescheduled from the time given in the Tentative program. The program on "Censorship and Law Librarianship" will begin immediately following the first business meeting. One of the speakers will be Lynn Foster, Reference/Instructional Services Librarian from the Law Library at the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Her talk is centered on the theme "Are government agencies, including GPO, causing restriction of access to information?" She will focus most specifically on the headings of prices, format, and publication. Of particular interest will be her handout detailing exactly what has been converted to microfiche and what is scheduled to be converted and a checklist for many of the items. She will examine the law-related documents which have ceased publication and what measures have been taken to limit access to information. Finally she will note what librarians have done about these developments and what law libraries can do to achieve utmost access to documents.

The other speakers on the panel are Gene Teitelbaum covering the conflicting views of intellectual freedom and censorship. He'll cover the court cases and some of the internal and external pressures on librarians to censor. Mr. William North, Esquire, President of the Freedom to Read Foundation and 18 years counsel for ALA will also speak on ALA experiences and what the Freedom to Read Foundation is presently doing.

The panel is sponsored by the Contemporary Social Problems SIS but believe the subjects covered will be of interest and informational for Government Documents Section members.

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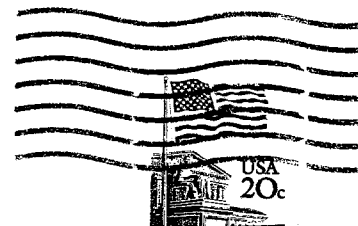
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