

ABA POLICY REGARDING THE LAW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Standing Committee on Facilities of Law Library of Congress (Midyear Meeting 1979)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Library of Congress continue to be arranged in two departments, a general library and a law library, and that any reorganization of the Library of Congress not change the status of the Law Library as a Department, or in fact or appearance alter the status, autonomy or function of the Law Library of the Library of Congress.

Standing Committee on the Facilities of the Law Library of Congress (Midyear Meeting 1981)

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages and supports the creation by an enactment of the United States Congress of a National Law Library as an independent, separate department of the Library of Congress; that such National Law Library include the present Law Library of the Library of Congress; and that the mission of the National Law Library be to serve Congress and the legal profession and to improve the nation's access to legal information.

November 1991 - Funding for the Law Library of Congress

The Board approved the following recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urge the Congress to approve continued adequate funding for the Law Library of the Library of Congress.

Facilities of the Law Library of Congress (Report No. 118) (Midyear Meeting 1992)

The Committee's recommendation was approved by voice vote. It reads:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Library of Congress continue to be arranged in two departments, a general library and a law library, and that any reorganization of the Library of Congress not change the status of the Law Library as a Department, or in fact or appearance alter the status, autonomy or function of the Law Library of the Library of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages and supports the creation by an enactment of the United States Congress of a National Law Library as an independent, separate entity; that such National Law Library include the present Law Library of the Library of Congress; that the mission of the National Law Library be to serve Congress and the legal profession and to improve the nation's access to legal information.

Facilities of the Law Library of Congress (Report No. 115) (Midyear Meeting 1993)

The Committee's recommendation was amended and approved by voice vote. As approved, it reads:

RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association supports the Library of Congress and its Law Library in their efforts to secure reasonable cost recovery for specialized services such as identification of foreign law sources and expedited document delivery, while also affirming the basic principle of free access to core library services for the public while providing adequate safeguards for copyrighted works and private sector competition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association supports efforts to secure the level of appropriations necessary to enable the Library of Congress and its Law Library to maintain and enhance their many services to the nation and the legal community.

Report No. 11-12 (Annual Meeting 1993)

By voice vote, the House approved the proposal to amend the Bylaws to change the name of the Standing Committee on the Facilities of the Law Library of Congress to the Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress. §31.7 was amended to read as follows, and alphabetized accordingly.

The Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress shall cooperate in maintaining and expanding the facilities of the Law Library of Congress.