

**STATEMENT OF DR. EDMON LOW ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN  
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Low. Thank you, Congressman Esch. I appreciate those kind words of introduction and the kind words about our institution.

I happen to be a graduate of the University of Michigan and am coming back home to teach there. So it is a pleasure, indeed.

I am appearing, as you said, in place of Dr. Wagman, who became ill earlier this morning, and I will be presenting his testimony at this time. Dr. Wagman wrote this and it is being presented as really his testimony.

Mr. QUIE (presiding). Would you want to submit that for the record and then briefly summarize it? You know we are close to quarter to 12.

Mr. Low. I will be glad to do that, sir, as well as I can with my very brief minutes of introduction and being drafted in here, but I have gone over the testimony quickly and I believe I can summarize it.

Mr. QUIE. Without objection, we will make it part of the record.

Mr. Low. That will be fine if we may do that.

I share Dr. Wagman's opinions on all of these questions. He does emphasize in here the desirability of support for graduate programs as represented by acquisition of library materials to assist in those programs.

There is a minor suggestion here that the recommendation about library schools be changed from the area of research (sec. 224(a)) to the area of training for librarianship (sec. 223(a)).

He supports very strongly the need for the new networks of knowledge title but points out that any network like this will be some time in accomplishment and we must continue with our present methods for the exchange of information for a very considerable time.

We are all interested in this technological development. Opinions vary as to the time it will take to make these networks really effective. I share with Mr. Wagman the opinion that there will be considerable time before these changes will be highly significant even though the potential is surely there.

These are, I believe, the central points that he has made in his testimony. If we may introduce that for the record, I shall try to answer any questions you might have and rest on that.

Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Mrs. GREEN. Dr. Wagman's statement will be made a part of the record, without objection, at this point.

(The document referred to follows:)

**STATEMENT BY DR. FREDERICK H. WAGMAN, DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
LIBRARY**

My name is Frederick H. Wagman. I am the Director of the University Library and a Professor of Library Science at The University of Michigan. I am also a Past President of the American Library Association and of the Michigan Library Association, a member of the ALA Council, which is the governing body of the American Library Association, a Regent of the National Library of Medicine and a member of the Board of Directors of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., a nonprofit foundation which stimulates and supports research and development aimed at the improvement of librarianship.

I am here today as a representative of the American Library Association to present our views on certain parts of H.R. 15067, the Higher Education Amend-