

**STATEMENT OF STEPHEN A. McCARTHY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Chairman, and members of the committee, you have my testimony. In view of the lack of time, I will summarize it. My name is Stephen A. McCarthy. I am executive director of the Association of Research Libraries.

As I believe the committee knows, this is a small organization of the large libraries of this country.

I would like to say thank you to this committee for the very far-sighted legislation which it has sponsored in support of libraries over the past few years.

This has been most beneficial not only to the large libraries but to many small college and university libraries throughout the country.

I would like to address myself to two parts of the bill under discussion. We, as you know, have been deeply interested in title II-C from its inception and we are pleased to see that in the version of the bill which is now before this committee some amendments which were recommended by our organization last spring have been incorporated.

However, there is one point about which we are still concerned and that is that this particular title, title II-C, is extended for only 2 years, whereas, I believe nearly every other title in the act is being extended for 5 years.

In support of that position, I would like to make these points that this is still a developing and expanding program. It has been extended to Italy, for example, only within the past 2 months.

The impact of this program is cumulative. It takes time to make these effects felt and these effects tend to build up as the program goes on.

The Library of Congress has to make rather complex arrangements abroad and in this country in order to make this program function.

Under these circumstances, I submit that a limited extension of the program appears questionable because of the effort and expense involved in getting it started.

And then the relatively short amount of time allowed for its operation.

Mrs. GREEN. Mr. McCarthy, may I interrupt you there?

Mr. McCARTHY. Yes.

Mrs. GREEN. Do you know of any task force, commission or any library association that is making a study of this and that this might be the reason for the 2-year extension only?

Mr. McCARTHY. I think, Madam Chairman, this is related to the National Advisory Commission on Libraries which has been appointed and has submitted a report which has not yet been made public.

However, it is our understanding, although we have not seen the report, that there is nothing in the report which would affect or change this program and I believe it is for that reason that Mr. Mumford, who I believe has already been in touch with you, has also recommended the extension of the 5-year program.

I do give a small table in my testimony indicating the effect of this program in several universities where it is apparent that there has been a very noticeable increase in the availability of Library of Congress catalog copy as a result of this program and an analysis