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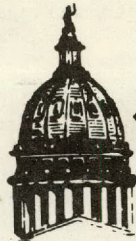
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## T.S.L. REPRESENTATIVES VISIT US/TEXAS DEPOSITORIES

The Texas State Library is the U.S. Documents Regional Depository for the southern half of Texas [ Region II ] and is also charged with the responsibility of administering the Texas state documents depository system. As a result, this wide range of responsibilities requires a reliable working relationship between the State Library and over 100 documents depositories throughout the state. In order to expand this working relationship the State Library has recently initiated a series of documents depository visits.

Since June 1978, State Library staff members Dale Propp and Bob Walton have visited and consulted with 29 state and federal depository libraries. Most of these visits have been extremely successful and as a result, another 47 visits have been tentatively scheduled for the coming year. By walking through the various documents collections and having an opportunity to talk with members of the documents staff, the TSL representatives have gained a much better perspective of the problems and concerns of each individual library. Unlike larger group meetings where emphasis is placed on trends in the documents area, the depository visits provide an opportunity for each individual librarian to discuss specific problems concerning that particular documents collection and to voice any criticisms or suggestions concerning the State Library documents programming.

These depository visits, the commitment by the State Library to coordinate an annual government documents conference, and the establishment of a closer working relationship with the Texas Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable are all part of a growing commitment by the State Library to promote a more cooperative relationship with all libraries in Texas involved in 'documents planning.'



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## 1978 GOV'T DOCUMENTS CONFERENCE

On November 2-4, 1978, the Texas State Library will be presenting the 2nd Annual Government Documents Conference in Austin, Texas. The conference agenda includes presentations on the state and federal budgetary and appropriations process, regional planning in Texas, legal reference for the non-law librarian, and demonstration workshops by the staffs of the Federal Register, Texas Register, and Congressional Information Service.

The conference will open on the morning of Thursday, November 2, 1978 with a welcome and introduction by Mr. William Gooch, Assistant State Librarian, Texas State Library. The first session, 'The State and Federal Budgetary and Appropriations Process', will open with the keynote address by the Honorable J. J. Pickle, United States Congressman, 10th Congressional District. Mr. Pickle will speak about the federal budgetary process from the perspective of a congressman.

The keynote address will be followed by a presentation on state budget preparation and program analysis by Mr. Thomas Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board. The Honorable Fred Head, state representative from the 14th Texas State Legislative District will conclude the morning session with an explanation of the state appropriations process from a legislator's perspective.

The Thursday afternoon session will be 'Regional Planning in Texas'. Mr. James F. Ray, Texas Association of Regional Councils, will open the session by providing introductory information on the development and scope of regional planning in Texas for those participants unfamiliar with the topic. This introduction and overview of regional planning will be followed by an address by Mr. Joel Woolridge, Director of Planning, Cap-

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## STATE LIBRARY PUBLISHES 'DOCUMENTS' NEWSLETTER

The Texas State Publications Clearinghouse announces the publication of a quarterly newsletter, Public Documents Highlights for Texas. The newsletter is intended to keep documents librarians, reference and technical services staffs, state and local governmental officials and researchers, and other documents enthusiasts informed on a variety of topics concerning the content, management, and organization of all types of government documents in Texas.

In addition to feature articles, the newsletter will present several continuing columns from a variety of areas concerning documents, including,  
-- 'Documented by the Legislative Reference Library', by Brenda Olds, Librarian, Legislative Reference Library. News about documents about, or produced by, the Legislature.  
-- 'Legal Briefs', by Frederick Riemann, Librarian, Texas State Law Library. Legally oriented materials, documents concerned with or produced by judicial and regulatory agencies, and other general topics.  
-- 'Cataloging Documents', by Rowland Craig and Carol Burlinson, Texas State Library Technical Services Department. Up-to-date information about federal and state documents cataloging, documents and OCLC, and other

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itol Area Planning Council, who will detail the methods and kinds of planning that go on at the sub-agency level. The session will end with a case study presentation by Ms. Karen Allen about the documents and data generated at the local level by examining the Central Texas Health Systems Agency, Inc. of which she is public information coordinator.

The first day of the conference will conclude the formal activities with a presentation by the Washington D.C. based staff of the Congressional Information Service. These representatives will demonstrate and discuss the techniques and methodologies used by CIS in the production of its indexing/abstracting services and publications such as the American Statistics Index (ASI) and the Index to Publications of the United States Congress (CIS). This information should be particularly pertinent to participants who regularly utilize information or statistics produced or gathered by the federal government.

The second day of the conference, Friday November 3rd, will open with a session entitled 'Legal Research and Reference in the Non-law Library.' Mrs. Marian Boner, Director, Texas State Law Library, will open the session by offering an overview of the Texas state judicial system and the quasi-judicial agencies. This will be followed by two presentations including a discussion of the information and materials generated during the legislative process by Malinda Allison, Librarian, Legislative Reference Library, and a presentation about legal reference for the non-law librarian by Ms. Barbara Bridges, Documents Librarian, University of Texas Tarlton Law Library.

Friday afternoon, two different sessions will run concurrently. Section A will be a planning and business meeting for state and federal documents depository librarians. Participants will be asked to discuss and study a variety of current issues impacting the state and federal depository programs. Section B will consist of a mini-workshop on the use of the Federal Register and Texas Register. Ms. Rose Steinman, Office of the Federal Register, will lead off the session with a short film and demonstration of the uses of the Federal Register and companion publications such as the Code of Federal Regulations. Representatives from the Texas Register Division, Secretary of State's Office, will use much the same type of format in talking about the Texas Register as well as providing up-to-date information about the pending Texas codes.

On Saturday morning, November 4th, the Federal Register/Texas Register Workshop will be repeated for depository librarians and other conference

participants who were unable to attend the Friday afternoon session. With the end of this session, the 2nd Annual Government Documents Conference will come to a conclusion.

For those conference participants who would like an opportunity to visit with some of the conference speakers, State Library staff, etc. the State Library will be sponsoring a conference reception and mixer (cash bar) on Thursday November 2nd, 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. at the La Espada Room, Ramada Inn Downtown in Austin. It is hoped that this will provide an atmosphere for informal discussion and conversation between all parties participating in the conference.

Persons interested in attending the conference and who did not receive the registration materials or have not yet registered with the State Library, should contact Peggy Lockhart or Bob Walton at (512) 475-6725 as soon as possible. For those who will be unable to attend, yet have a particular session or sessions which interest them, the State Library will publish the conference proceedings and make all major segments of the program available on video-tape. The availability of these two items will be announced in this newsletter and the Texas State Documents checklist.

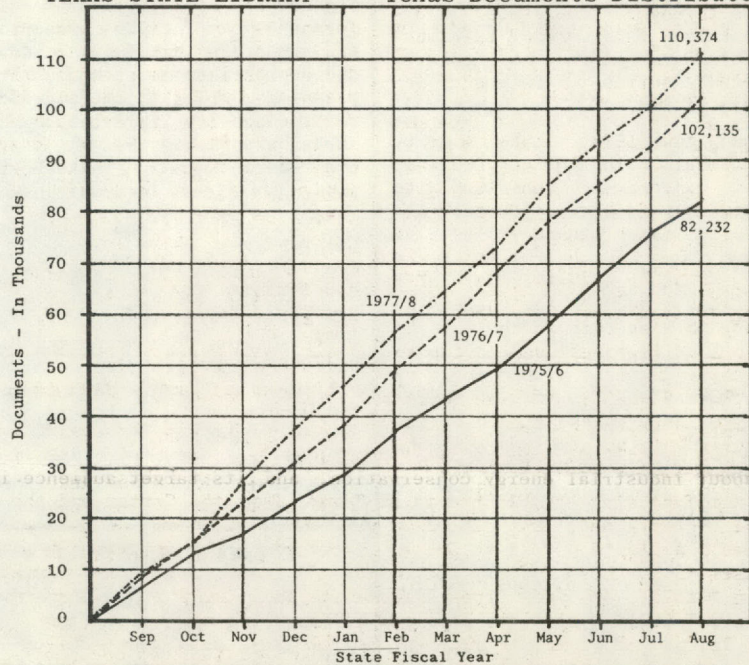
*Notes from the Editor*

For those readers who didn't attend the Texas State Library Texas Documents Conference during September of 1977, the idea of a documents oriented newsletter was brought up during a discussion/planning meeting of Texas documents depository librarians. It was felt that the State Library should assume more of a position of leadership in terms of assisting in the coordination of the growth and development of documents interests across the state. This newsletter is certainly a step in that direction. I hope that all documents librarians and staff will take advantage of this opportunity to exchange ideas, developments, and concerns, and make this new newsletter a success. Highlights is not intended to be a platform for only the expression of the views and ideas of the State Library, but also a communications device to enhance and expand the growing community of documents activists throughout all of Texas and perhaps the Southwest. Looking forward to seeing you at the November documents conference...



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## Legal Briefs

by Frederick Riemann

What is now the State Law Library was originally the State Supreme Court Library. In an effort to eliminate overlap and duplication, the legislature established the library in its present form and charged it with the responsibility of serving, in addition to the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Office of the Attorney General. The State Law Library is an independent agency within the judicial branch of state government and its governing board consists of representatives of the high courts and the attorney general.

The board is responsible for the establishment of overall policy for the library while the day-to-day operations are administered by Marian Boner (UT - LL.B. - 1955). Mrs. Boner before heading up the SLL was on the staff of Roy Mersky at the University of Texas Tarlton Law Library. She is the author of A REFERENCE GUIDE TO TEXAS LAW AND LEGAL HISTORY (UT Press 1976).

Ms. Linda Marin of our staff, among her other duties, runs a copy service for prisoners in TEXAS correctional institutions. Because of the location of the State Law Library in the same building with the Court of Criminal Appeals, we have access to the transcripts and briefs of cases appealed to that court. There is a charge for the service of 5¢ per page, in advance. For more information about this service, please contact Ms. Marin at the State Law Library.

The Federal Register of 5/12/78 published 512 documents, a new record and 200 of them were from HUD-----

---In early spring, the New Mexico state government reorganized. The executive branch of government is now composed of 12 departments with the head of each reporting to the governor. For names of department heads as of the April reorganization, see Albuquerque Journal, 3/26/78, p.B-5, or write me at the State Law Library -----Tx govt texts usually take the state to task for having too many elected officials and point to other states, especially New Jersey, as models of 'modern' state government, i.e. strong governor with power to select most major executive officials. The tide may be turning. In May, the voters of Pennsylvania approved a constitutional amendment to allow the election of the Attorney General. Perhaps if we wait long enough, everyone will return to biennial legislatures -----7/4/1789, the date of the 1st tariff bill enacted by the United States Congress-----The 1845 decisions of the Texas Supreme Court have never been published, but are available in the clerks office in Austin-----Selected Recent Acquisitions, 1976-77 (\$8.50 pre-paid) is available from the Univ. of Southern California Library. Send order and payment to Mabel Kishi, USC Library, University Park, California, 90007-----PL 95-261 allows all accredited law schools to become depository libraries for US documents. If a law school in your area is already a depository, and it avails itself of the new law, there may be an opportunity for another area library to be designated a depository library-----THATS IT.

### Texas Energy Search Center: A New Industry Resource

The Energy Search Center, a part of Texas Industrial Commission's Energy Utilization Department, opened in February, 1978. The Center answers questions about industrial energy conservation, and its target audience is over 20,000 manufacturing establishments in Texas. Both the Center and the Energy Utilization Department are funded by the U.S. Department of Energy through the Texas Governor's Office of Energy Resources. The on-line bibliographic data bases of Lockheed Information Systems (DIALOG), System Development Corporation (ORBIT), New York Times Information Bank, and the U.S. Department of Energy's DOE/RECON System are accessed in answering many of the questions. A growing library of technical reports, periodicals, and monographs on industrial energy conservation serves to provide technical backup for the Center's personnel and a source of materials for loan to users.

Industries may call the Energy Search Center on a toll-free telephone number (800-252-9323). Examples of questions received include those of a general nature such as "How can I conserve energy in my paper plant?" to "Can you send me some information on heat recovery devices?" to "How much electrical energy can the city of Bryan deliver on a regular basis?" Although the majority of questions received by the Center are answered through the use of on-line data bases, the Center also answers ready reference questions, sends basic articles on industrial energy conservation, and serves as a referral center.

The Energy Search Center also provides the service of obtaining any articles or reports cited in a requestor's literature search. Utilizing union

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topics of interest to the technical services aspects of handling state and federal documents.

- 'Report from the Chair', by Chairman/Texas Library Association Government Documents Roundtable [Dale Propp, Texas State Library Documents Librarian, Chairman, 1978/9]. News and Activities of the TLA Documents Roundtable.
- 'Data Base Data', by Dena Gordon, Energy Search Center, Texas Industrial Commission. Profile and examination of a different data base each issue.
- 'Access: Subject Approach to Documents', by Kate Adams, Texas Documents Indexer, Texas State Library. Information about the production of the Texas State Documents indexes and suggestions on how to better utilize them.

This is only a partial list of the kinds of information that will appear in Public Documents Highlights for Texas. If you would like to contribute an article, or information, for publication in the newsletter, please contact:

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lists such as the State Agency Libraries of Texas and Union List of Serials, periodicals holdings lists of several major university and public libraries, the Texas State Library Communications Network, and on-line NTIS documents, the Center's staff can provide this service to its users in a quite reasonable length of time.

The Center also distributes the publications of the Energy Utilization Department. Currently available publications include Engineer's Manual of Energy Conservation Literature for Industrial Applications, an annotated bibliography of industrial energy conservation literature, and a series of energy audit workbooks designed to assist plant employees in taking a look at ways to conserve energy in their specific plants. Topics available include Distillation Columns, Meat Products, Steam and Condensate Systems, Fabricated Structural Metal Products, and Industrial Insulation.

For further information about the services or publications discussed here, call the toll-free number (800-252-9323) or write: Energy Search Center, Texas Industrial Commission, P. O. Box 12728, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. We are located at 410 E. 5th Street and welcome visitors or referrals.

Dena Gordon



# federal register

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## "Indexing In Perspective"

- A Seminar Sponsored By The -  
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ABSTRACTING AND INDEXING SERVICES

The following is a brief report on the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services Seminar "Indexing in Perspective" held June 8 - 11, 1978 at the Kansas City General Library, University of Missouri at Kansas City. This seminar was attended by Katherine Adams, indexer for Texas State Documents, Public Services Department, Texas State Library.

The Indexing in Perspective Seminar was sponsored by the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1958. Its members and affiliates are U.S. and foreign non-profit organizations and U.S. government agencies involved in producing abstracting and indexing services, operating information centers, or conducting research in information services.

This was the tenth year the seminar has been given. It was designed as an introduction to indexing for the person with little or no experience and to provide a perspective review to the more experienced.

Lecturers for the seminar were Toni Carbo Bearman, Executive Director of NFAIS; Everett H. Brenner, Manager, Central Abstracting and Indexing Service, American Petroleum Institute; Betty Miller, Information Specialist, Calspan Corporation; and Pauline Atherton, Professor, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University.

There were thirty-two participants in the seminar, coming from both the U.S. and Canada. They represented various information resource backgrounds, such as academic libraries, industry research and development, government, and indexing and abstracting services.

The Indexing in Perspective Seminar traced the indexing development of the past twenty years, specifically in the areas of vocabularies, systems and format, and information retrieval, and related these developments to the fields of information science and library science. Case histories by representatives of operating indexing and abstracting services were included as were practical suggestions on choosing an indexing system, indexing procedures and common indexing problems and workable solutions.

Kate Adams

## DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE

### - Report from the Chair -

by Dale Propp

The Texas Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable held its annual Program/Business meeting in Fort Worth on April 6, 1978. The theme for this year's program was Data Base Resources Available in Texas State Government. Barbara Duke, Texas State Library, began the program by announcing the publication of a new directory, Directory of Data Base Resources in Texas State Government. Edited by Barbara Duke and distributed by the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse, this directory provides descriptions, contact persons, costs, time requirements, and restrictions on public access for 261 data bases currently maintained by various agencies in Texas state government.

Ms. Duke was followed by two speakers who provided a more comprehensive examination of specific data bases. Pam Autrey spoke about the FACS (Family and Child Statistics) Information System developed by the Early Childhood Development Division of the Texas Department of Community Affairs. Ms. Autrey demonstrated, by means of a slide presentation, how the data contained in the FACS System could be effectively utilized to portray the condition of children and their families throughout Texas. Ruben Sanchez, representing the Texas Natural Resources Information System, outlined, also utilizing a slide presentation, the many services and output formats available from TNRIS.

During the business meeting, new officers were elected for the coming year to assist the Chairman, Dale Propp (Texas State Library). Roberta Palen (Texas A & M University Library) will serve as Vice-Chairman/Chairman Elect and Diane Wahl (Southern Methodist University Library) will be the new Secretary / Treasurer. Two new committees were established at the end of the business meeting by Dale Propp. Milt Ternberg (Dallas Public Library) will chair a committee concerned with identifying municipal documents activities around the state and produce recommendations for the various alternatives for the future development of a local municipal documents program for Texas. Dorothy Glasser (Houston Public Library) was asked to chair a committee which will advise the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse on new depository legislation to be submitted to the 66th Texas Legislature when it convenes in January 1979.

[The activities and accomplishments of these two committees will be announced in the newsletter as they become available.]



## Documents Monograph Series

During March 1978, the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse at the Texas State Library announced publication of the first issue of the new Documents Monograph Series. The new series is designed to make available analytical reports, conference proceedings, unique finding aids, survey results, and other materials that will assist documents librarians in more effectively utilizing the publications of federal, state, and local governmental agencies. With this new publication medium, the Clearinghouse hopes to stimulate study and research concerning the use and management of government documents.

The first issue of this new series, Texas State Documents Depository Survey, 1977: Findings and Results, presents a detailed examination of the 51 libraries currently serving as the official depositories for Texas state documents. In addition to providing information about the collections at each individual depository, the report compiles and presents a priority ranking by each depository, from 'most important' to 'least important', its views concerning state documents program development at the Texas State Library. The findings in this monograph present the existing status of state documents in Texas in a straightforward and comprehensive manner.

Those interested in submitting material to be considered for publication as part of the new series should request the "Specifications for Contributors" by writing:

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## Cataloging Documents

by Rowland Craig and Carol Burlinson

The Texas State Library cataloging department has two goals regarding Texas state documents. The first of these is to input original cataloging into the OCLC data base for new state documents before they are distributed with the Texas State Documents checklist. New depository items are given priority; however, retrospective documents are cataloged as time permits.

Records input into OCLC conform to AACR standards and include the Texas state documents classification number. This appears in the first 500 note as the OCLC tag (098.07) because the State Documents classification number has not yet been validated. The checklist entry number does not appear on the record at this time nor are Dewey or Library of Congress numbers included.

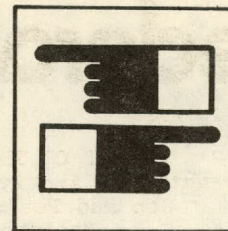
It should be noted that the department traces for every corporate body which appears on a piece. This is a local policy which affords additional searching access to the record.

The second goal of the cataloging department is to disseminate information about state documents cataloging to interested libraries. Questions regarding searching, entry, etc. are welcomed and should be directed to Carol Burlinson. In addition, the department is in the process of compiling an authority list for Texas documents, which, when completed, will be made available to other libraries.

Also under consideration is some form of printed format of Texas State Library cataloging records for documents

In the future, the department plans to emphasize authority work for Texas state documents. At present, negotiations are underway with the Library of Congress for the sharing of Texas corporate entries. If an agreement is approved, new corporate entries established at the State Library will be forwarded via telecopier to LC. There they will be searched against LC authority files and double checked by a cataloger. If no conflict exists, these entries will then be accepted by LC. In preparation for such a program, the State Library plans to purchase a copy of the Texas corporate authority files from LC and to send a cataloger to the Library of Congress for intensive review and training. Should this arrangement take place, it would be similar to that between LC and the Government Printing Office.

[*Editor's Note: Carol Burlinson is the new State Library documents cataloger. Carol received a B.A. and M.L.S. from the University of Arizona and before joining the State Library in May of this year had held cataloging positions at Sam Houston State University Library, Texas A&M University Library, and Austin Community College Library. If you have questions about the state documents cataloging at the State Library, Carol can be contacted at (512) 475-2026.*]



Librarian  
Exchange

If your library has a special document need - or - available discards which you think might interest another library, please contact us so that we can list these items in the "Librarian Exchange". Listed below are several recent requests. All inquiries concerning the listings below should be addressed directly to the interested library and not to the "Highlights" newsletter. The library accepting the material agrees to pay any postage and packaging costs.

### NEED -

Barbara Turman  
Documents Librarian  
Perry-Castaneda Library  
University of Texas at Austin  
Austin, Texas 78712

- 1) SEC Statistical Bulletin  
SE 1.20:

1973, January  
1974, December  
1975, May  
1976, January-June, August

- 2) Foreign Economic Trends  
C 57.111:

76-49	77-52
76-110	77-143
76-111	77-147
76-112	77-162

- 3) Economic Indicators  
Y4.Ec7:Ec7/

1975, March

### NEED -

Barbara Serota  
Associate Librarian  
State Law Library  
Supreme Court Building  
Austin, Texas 78711

- 1) Federal Probation  
Ju 10.8:

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- 2) Federal Register  
GS4.107:

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by Brenda Olds

LEGISLATIVE PUBLICATIONS

Texas House and Senate legislative journals are printed daily during the legislative session. (There can be more than one legislative day in one calendar day.) These are available as a depository item to full state depository collections and distribution is coordinated by the Legislative Reference Library. The dailies aren't indexed, but the Legislative Information System of Texas (LIST - ph.512-475-3026) can provide the dates for bill action which will lead the user to the right daily journal. When the bound volumes are published, the pagination now remains the same and the index is included. This means that the bound volume index will now key into the daily edition. No floor debate is recorded and only the bill caption - not the entire text of the bill - is printed in the journal. However, the floor amendments and record votes can be found in the dailies and bound volume. A complete history of each bill introduced during the session is included as an appendix to the bound journal.

For the non-depository libraries, copies of the daily journals might be obtained from your legislator. It should be pointed out, however, that each legislator has less than ten sets to assign to constituents, so dailies are often difficult to obtain.

Bound journals can be bought from the journal clerk of each house. House journals are available through the 63rd Legislature session (\$248.83 for the set of 3 volumes.) The 64th and 65th house journals are not yet available and the price determination for each has not yet been set. Senate journals are available through the 64th legislative session and cost \$125.00 per session.

Texas session laws are printed soon after each legislative session and include the full text of all laws passed during the session. Rather than being numerically arranged (by bill number), they are arranged by chapters in the order that they are signed into law by the governor. (The session laws should not be confused with the commercial West Texas Session Law Service which supplements the Annotated Texas Statutes at intervals during the legislative session and are later replaced with pocket parts to the black volumes.) The session laws are not a depository item

to the Texas document depository libraries. Session laws are available from the Texas Secretary of State's Office. The 65th session laws are available at a cost of \$65.00, the 64th are out of print, and the 63rd are still available for \$47.00.

LEGISLATIVE RIDERS

To indicate the Legislature's concern with the cost of state government and the run-away printing costs, the following excerpt from the 1977/8-1978/9 appropriations bill (H.B. 510) is provided below.

"OTHER PROVISIONS. Section 66. No funds appropriated in this Act shall be expended in the preparation and distribution of any publication except for Texas Highways, Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, Department of Agriculture publications, Commission on Alcoholism publications, and Railroad Commission publications whose cost is not totally reimbursed through revenue attributable to its publication or sale if the content or format of the publication is: (1) intended for use by the general public; (2) generally informational, promotional, or educational; and (3) not essential to the achievement of the primary objective(s) of the agency or institution. Publications specifically exempted from this prohibition are the following: (1) annual reports and other materials that are required by statute and whose content deals only with topics set forth in the law; (2) compilations of law, rules, or regulations; and (3) newsletters." (p.V-53-4)

DO IT WITH STYLE

House Bill 314, passed by the 65th Legislature, directs the State Auditor to promulgate and distribute rules prescribing the style and format of all periodic reports that agencies are required by law to make to the governor, the legislature, or any officer, committee, or agency of the legislature. The objective is to minimize the cost of producing effective reports by establishing certain guidelines for the quality of paper used, style or method of printing and typesetting, binding, illustrations, photographs, and other matters relevant to the cost of producing the reports. The guidelines have not been printed in the Texas Register since the Auditor is a legislative office and is thereby exempt from the Texas Register Act. Copies may be obtained from the State Auditor's Office, P O Box 12067, Austin, Texas, 78711.

If you've ever handed a patron a state document with no date, no author, or several title choices, you can appreciate these simple rules and regulations. No attempt has been made to control content, but now, an effort has been made to improve usability of state publications.

STATE COPYRIGHTING

Does copyrighting of state documents impede dissemination?

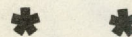
An increasing number of Texas state documents are being copyrighted - including - a recent annual report. State documents are not covered under the new federal copyright law prohibiting the copyright of U.S. government publications.

Arkansas, with no legal prohibition, is the only state which doesn't copyright state publications. Pennsylvania copyrights some documents, but all applications for copyright are processed by the Secretary of State's office thereby allowing the state to control what is copyrighted and then protect those items. Texas has no official policy.

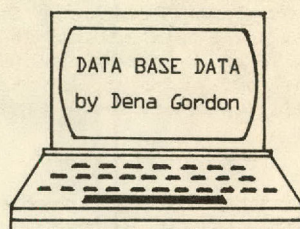
Internal copyright policy in Texas state agencies differs from department to department and division to division. Documents are copyrighted by authors, by divisions, and by departments, including everything from annual reports and serials to monographs and agency manuals.

State documents are usually printed in small quantities. In most cases, the price charged for the document is less than the cost to photocopy, so one would save by buying the original -- if available. Copyrighting would seem to impede the dissemination of information, and this reporting by government agencies is the sole function of printing in state government. (The Texas Constitution prohibits the state functioning as a publisher.) What actual effect does copyrighting of state documents have on the dissemination of information? Does Texas need a written copyright policy?

House Speaker Clayton has charged the Committee on State Affairs to study the policies of all state agencies and institutions dealing with the subject of copyrighting. "This study should produce recommendations as to guidelines to prevent future abuse of the copyright classification as applied to state financed publications, and should suggest procedures whereby articles and publications already copyrighted can be released from that classification." Representative D.R. (Tom) Uher is chairman of the committee. Other members of the committee are Representatives Hoestenbach, Brown, Simpson, Ceverha, Florence, McFarland, Stubbeman, Wallace, Blythe, Bock, Edwards, Gene Green, Henderson, and Abbott.







### Congressional Record Abstracts (CRECORD) Available Online

Beginning in January, 1977, System Development Corporation made the CRECORD file (Congressional Record Abstracts) available to its users. Previous to this time, the online file had been available only to members of Congress (through SCORPIO) and the Congressional Research Service staff. The file contains abstracts beginning with the second session of the 94th Congress, and the number contained in the file now numbers about 1,237,000. The file is updated weekly, resulting in about a 10-day lag between the time an event occurs and its inclusion in the base. This compares with over a 7- to 8-week lag from the time an event occurs and its corresponding biweekly Congressional Record Index is received by depository libraries. Cost per minute of online time is \$1.33; cost per offline print is 15¢.

Searching CRECORD online yields several benefits over a manual search: (1) Speed--By inputting search terms only once, all records from 1976 to the present are searched. Manually, many issues of CRA or Congressional Record Index would have to be searched. In addition, there is a long lag time before each biweekly Congressional Record Index is received. (2) Access points--In searching Congressional Record Abstracts manually, the searchable terms are limited to some 272 broad subject headings; in searching Congressional Record Index, broad subject terms, names of Senators and Representatives, names of federal agencies, etc. can be searched but not names or numbers of specific bills; in searching CRECORD online; any term appearing in the title/abstract can be searched. In the case of a search on the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill, an online searcher could enter simply HUMPHREY AND HAWKINS: in searching manually, the searcher would have to scan under the topic "Economy: Employment--Unemployment" for the Humphrey-Hawkins entries in CRA; in searching CRI the searcher would have to scan Employment or Unemployment. (A look through a recent CRI indicated that Humphrey-Hawkins Bill items were sometimes listed under Humphrey because he was the principal author, but that items were listed under Hawkins only if he made floor remarks or read something into the Record.) The manual search is further complicated in CRA by the difficulty of locating which of the 272 broad subject headings to scan! Also, this ability to search any word in the title / abstract is not available on the SCORPIO system's CRECORD, only on SDC's.

Citations in SDC CRECORD include the following: (1) AN--Accession number (generated by SDC); (2) TI--"Title" (really an abstract because of its length and descriptiveness); (3) RE--Reference containing the publication date and Congressional Record page number; (4) CS--Congress and Session number (with Congressional Record number in parentheses); (5) CC--One or more subject category cards.

In CRECORD, an effective search on most topics can be completed with about 3-5 minutes of online time. At a cost of \$80.00 per hour or \$1.33 per minute, the cost is a relatively low \$3.99 to \$6.65. In the case of the Humphrey-Hawkins search illustrated here, all 151 citations could have been printed for another \$22.65 (15¢ each); the searcher could also have limited his results by date, e.g., only Humphrey-Hawkins citations dated 1978.

#### (EXAMPLE SEARCH)

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HUMPHREY AND HAWKINS

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TI - GARN critical of HUMPHREY-HAWKINS full employment bill, which he says  
will cause greater unemployment by increasing inflation.  
RE - August 1, 1978; p. S12285.  
CS - 95-2 (118)  
CC - 2306 (Economy: Employment--Unemployment)

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AN - 7817-583  
TI - Amendment 1794 to S. 50, HUMPHREY-HAWKINS Full Employment Bill (LUGAR).  
RE - June 5, 1978; p. S8558.  
CS - 95-2 (084)  
CC - 2306 (Economy: Employment--Unemployment)

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