

At this writing, the 102nd Congress is about to adjourn. Hectic end-of-session activity included House passage of a revision of the GPO WINDO/Gateway legislation (HR 5983), but the bill's fate in the Senate is still unknown. No action was taken on the Library of Congress fee-for-service legislation (S. 2748), but it will be an early agenda item next year. Congress did extend the life of the Library of Congress American Folklife Center for one year.

**Funding.** Several appropriations bills have just received final action. Funding levels for FY93 are shown below for selected programs.

**Library programs.** The House had reduced most LSCA and HEA library programs by one percent, but the Senate restored these cuts. House-Senate conferees agreed to the Senate-



passed library levels. However, to keep the total down, conferees then cut by 0.8% all items in the funding bill which includes education and health programs. The \$2.5 million the Senate added in FY92 to the HEA college library technology program is now shifted to the HEA II-B library research and demonstration program. The intent in FY92 was that Iowa State University, in subcommittee Chair-

man Tom Harkin's home state, would (and did) compete successfully for a large biotechnology demonstration project. For FY93, \$2.5 million of the II-B total is for a demonstration of electronic access to a statewide bibliographic database through a fiber optic network. Harkin's subcommittee "believes that the State Library  
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FUNDING LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993

PROGRAM	FY92 FUNDING	FY93 FUNDING
GPO SuDocs	\$27,082,000	\$29,082,000
HEA II-A college library tech.	6,404,000	3,873,000
II-B library ed/training	5,000,000	4,960,000
II-B library research	325,000	2,802,000
II-C research libraries	5,855,000	5,808,000
IV-C college work study	615,000,000	616,950,000
VI international educ.	33,980,000	35,533,000
VI, sec. 607, foreign materials	500,000	982,000
Library of Congress	322,228,000	334,316,000
LSCA I public library services	83,898,000	83,727,000
II public lib. construction	16,718,000	16,584,000
III interlibrary cooperation	19,908,000	19,749,000
VI foreign language materials	976,000	968,000
VI library literacy program	8,163,000	8,098,000
National Agricultural Library	17,715,000	17,715,000
National Archives	146,143,000	160,045,000
Natl. Ctr. for Educ. Statistics	77,213,000	78,270,000
NCLIS	831,000	889,000
Natl. Endowment for Humanities	175,955,000	177,413,000
Natl. Historical Pubs. & Records Com.	5,400,000	5,000,000
National Library of Medicine & MLAA	100,323,000	104,184,000
Postal revenue forgone subsidy	470,000,000	121,912,000

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### Conference information

Many librarians have indicated a strong interest in becoming much more involved in the conferences held by other professional associations. Here, briefly, is information on three important 1993 conferences.

### National Association for Chicano Studies

The National Association for Chicano Studies' (NACS) 21st Annual Conference will be held March 25-27, 1993, at San Jose State University, California. The tentative theme of the conference is "Defining Chicana and Chicano Studies." Registration, hotel, and transportation information will be available by November 1992. The deadline for papers is December 31, 1992. Please request proposal forms early from: NACS 21 Program Committee, University of California, Berkeley, Chicano Studies Program, 3404 Dwinelle Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720. NACS membership information is available from: Rusty Barcelo, NACS Treasurer, Academic Affairs, 114 Jessup Hall, Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.

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of Iowa is ideally suited for receipt of these funds." (S. Rept. 102-397)

**LC & GPO.** The Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office would have been severely affected by a Senate-passed amendment to the Legislative Appropriations Bill. Offered by Senators Seymour (R-Calif.) and Brown (R-Colo.), the amendment would have cut funding in the bill by 15% over three years. With help from library constituent calls to key legislators, House-Senate conferees dropped the amendment. As it is, the final LC budget will not cover all mandatory cost increases.

**Postal subsidies.** The postal revenue forgone funding is \$360 million short of the amount the U.S. Postal Service estimated was needed to keep preferred and nonprofit rates at current levels. However, Congress provided a one-year "fix" which means these rates will

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*Information exchange*

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### National Association for Ethnic Studies

The National Association for Ethnic Studies' (NAES) 1993 Conference will be held at the University of Utah, March 3-6, 1993. The conference theme is "Race, Class, and Gender." Additional conference information (a brochure will be available soon) is available from: 1993 NAES Conference, c/o Prof. Alberto Pulido, Conferences & Institutes, University of

Utah, 2174 Annex Bldg., Salt Lake City, UT 84112; phone: (801) 581-5809; fax: (810) 581-3165.

### National Conference on Racial & Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education

The 6th Annual National Conference on Racial & Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education will be held in New Orleans, June 3-8, 1993. Request a conference brochure and information regarding conference presentations/proposals from: Maggie Abudu Green, Executive Director, The Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies, University of Oklahoma, 555 Constitution, Norman, OK 73037-0005; phone: (405) 325-3936; fax: (405) 325-1824. ■

not increase during FY93. For the first time, a cross subsidy has commercial mailers subsidizing the difference—a very unsatisfactory and interim resolution of the annual shortfall dilemma. Appropriators called for permanent legislative reform. ■

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### ACRL/NEC convenes Preservation/Conservation Interest Group

The Board of ACRL's New England Chapter has authorized creation of a Preservation/Conservation Interest Group intended to provide a forum for library preservation administrators, particularly those who have responsibility for circulating collections. The first meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 1992, at the Wellesley College Library. For more information or to register for the first meeting, please contact the editor of this column. ■