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September 11, 1981

TO: MHSLA Board

FROM: David G. Keddle *DK*

SUBJECT: Legislative Committee

The MHSLA Legislative Committee has been working on the following legislation over the past year.

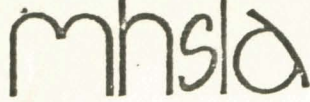
Thor-Power ruling this bill has been referred to the committee of ways and means. No action as of this date.

The legislative committee has written letters to all 19 congressman and both U.S. Senators on the plight of publishers as well as libraries. Letter is attached

Medical Library
Assistance Act

The legislative committee has written to Senator Orin Hatch and both U.S. Senators from Michigan.
Letter is attached.

Follow up letters are in the process and a full report will be given at the conference.



Sample Letter sent
To All Michigan Congressmen
AND SENATORS

June 6, 1981

- Affiliated Groups
- Flint Area Health Sciences Library Network
- Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group
- Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries
- Northern Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Group
- South Central Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association
- Upper Peninsula Health Science Libraries Consortium
- Valley Regional Health Science Librarians
- Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

Senator Carl Levin
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Levin:

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Legislation Committee in response to the Internal Revenue Ruling 80-60 (Thor. Power Tool), the Thor Power Ruling which was upheld by the Supreme Court in January of 1979. This Ruling has hit the publishers with the choice of paying taxes of the full value of their inventory in the publishers warehouses rather than on the depreciated value. This has given the publishers little choice of what to do with their books that were not purchased during the first year. Most publishers are just dumping the remainder of the books.

This is really putting an unnecessary burden on libraries to purchase books during the first year in which a book is published. Due to tight budgets in libraries and also time needed to read reviews to see the worth of a book before the library does purchase it. This is not possible under this ruling.

I strongly urge you in Congress to enact legislation to elevate this unnecessary problem which this ruling has put on publishers as well as libraries.

Cordially,

David G. Keddle
Chairman
Michigan Health Sciences Libraries
Assoc., Legislative Committee



Sample Letter Sent
To Senators: Levin
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Hatch

June 8, 1981

Affiliated Groups

Flint Area Health
Sciences Library Network

Metropolitan Detroit
Medical Library Group

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Sciences Libraries

Southern Michigan Health
Sciences Libraries Group

South Central Michigan
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Upper Peninsula Health
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Western Michigan Health
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Senator Carl Levin
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Dear Senator Levin:

We are writing you concerning (Senate Bill S800) Continuing Authority for the Medical Library Assistance Act for One Year. We strongly support funding which will allow continuation of the Regional Medical Library Program. Reducing the level of support would directly effect hospitals throughout the state of Michigan and thus affect patient care.

Between 1965-69 the Regional Medical Library Program of the National Library of Medicine created a national network of 11 Regional Medical Libraries to provide systematic access to biomedical information for health professionals to improve health care for citizens of the United States. In 1969, through this program, medical school libraries in Michigan provided 25,398 interlibrary loans to health professionals. 100% of these loans were supported by Medical Library Assistance Act funds. In 1979 these same libraries provided 39,882 loans by Medical Library Assistance Act funds supported only 18% of the loans. In the past ten years, the medical school libraries in Michigan showed a 57% increase in workload with 71% decrease in MLAA funding level.

Besides providing interlibrary loans the Regional Medical Library Program has coordinated the establishment of online bibliographic centers (Medline Center). In 1972 these centers were located only at medical school libraries--only 4 centers in Michigan. By 1980 there were 80 such centers in Michigan. 56 of these centers are at hospitals throughout the State. Centers exist in Saginaw, Petosky, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Flint, Muskegon, Port Huron, Kalamazoo, Chelsea, Mt. Clemens, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Dearborn, Pontiac, (Marquette application pending). During the past year these centers negotiated over 29,000 health related reference questions.

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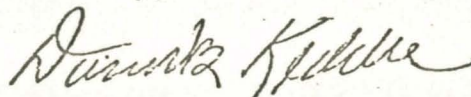
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At the same time that the Regional Medical Libraries provided services, they have also promoted the development of medical libraries at hospitals throughout the country. Hospital libraries development and growth since the establishment of the Regional Medical Library Program has resulted in the emergence of a subnetwork at the hospital library level that provides service which equals the workload volume of the Regional Medical Libraries. In 1980 hospitals in Region 5 lent over 1,000,000 items to each other. A dramatic change can be seen in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which is located 500 miles from Lansing, the location of the regional medical library that services this remote area. In 1973 there were no medical libraries in the U.P., in 1981, as a result of Medical Library Improvement Grants (Matching funds start-up grants) there are 8 functioning medical/hospital libraires.

The result of the Regional Medical Library Program has been the establishment of a bio-medical information system which provides health professionals access to information sources. The result of this information provides improved patient care. In addition, this national network has become increasingly self-sufficient. Federal funds no longer support the bulk of the program. Rather, these funds provide support for the framework of the network. Therefore we ask that you support the continuation of MLAA via an appropriate level of funding through Senate bill S800.

Cordially,



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Chairman
Michigan Health Sciences Libraries
Assoc., Legislative Committee

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