

ANNUAL MEETING

The Sheraton Boston Hotel will be the site of the Third Annual Meeting of SCLL on June 19, 1976. Standards for state and court law libraries will be the subject of a series of presentations and panel discussions. Program Chairperson Margaret Setliff has planned a busy day beginning with the SCLL Executive Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. The annual business meeting will be at 10:30 with the panel discussions and presentations starting at 1:00. Following in the SCLL tradition of entertaining and informative dinner speakers, Raymond M. Taylor will address the SCLL banquet that evening. The full schedule of the days activities is listed on page 15. See also article on page 3.

U.S. SENATE STUDYING COURT LIBRARY EXEMPTION

December 18, 1975, Senator Robert Morgan (N.C.) introduced S.2818, a bill to amend the Depository Library Act as it applies to state appellate court libraries that are designated depository libraries under Title 44 United States Code, section 1915. In his remarks introducing the bill, Mr. Morgan noted: In accordance with the intent of Congress, the Acting Public Printer promulgated rules in 1972 for the State courts. State court libraries were exempted not only from size and location criteria, from providing any special care or custody, and from keeping the documents permanently, but also from making reports to the Superintendent of Documents on these matters. In 1974, however, with an administrative change at the Government Printing (Continued on page 8)

FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER STARTS LIBRARY STUDY

At the direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Federal Judicial Center has commenced a study of the library services for the federal courts, central and in-chambers libraries, both Circuit and District. The study will address itself to the growing needs of the federal judges, the magistrates, the bankruptcy judges, and federal public defenders in a system that has grown far beyond established procedures set up years ago. The vast geographical areas covered by some of the libraries in the system have rendered impractical one central library and many of the district judges, traveling out of their headquarters to hold court, often must take part of their library with them. Additional facets of the study will call for an examination of tried and proven methods and materials for law research adopted in the past, with a view to determining whether better methods and materials are now available and whether it would be feasible to change. This means an examination of all modern technology such as computerized research, various types of microform, and transmittal of law information quickly and efficiently. This aspect (Continued on page 6)

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